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## LIST OF OFFICERS

### Elected and Appointed.

#### *Selectmen*

AVON D. BRADEEN, Chairman

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

CHESTER A. FOSTER

#### *Overseers of Poor*

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS, Chairman

AVON D. BRADEEN

CHESTER A. FOSTER

#### *Board of Health*

CHESTER A. FOSTER, Chairman

AVON D. BRADEEN

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

#### *Moderator*

ROBERT B. WALSH

#### *Town Clerk*

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

#### *Treasurer*

ANNIE E. WOODBURY

#### *Tax Collector*

CHARLES W. APPLETON

#### *Assessors*

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman

Term expires 1926

GEORGE M. ADAMS

Term expires 1924

GEORGE E. SAFFORD

Term expires 1925

*Tree Warden*

HARRY R. MCGREGOR

*Trustees Public Library*

ROBERT B. WALSH, Chairman

Term expires 1924

ARTHUR W. CHANDLER

Term expires 1925

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL

Term expires 1926

*School Committee*

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR., Chairman

Term expires 1924

MRS. ADELAIDE D. WALSH

Term expires 1926

ALEXANDER H. SPROUL

Term expires 1925

*Cemetery Commissioners*

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman

Term expires 1924

FRANCIS C. NORTON

Term expires 1925

MRS. ADALIZA C. ROBERTS

Term expires 1926

*Park Commissioners*

PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE

Term expires 1924

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL

Term expires 1925

EDWARD A. DeWITT

Term expires 1926

*Constables*

ALFRED T. POOLE

CHARLES H. SMITH

LEROY S. DODGE

LIST OF OFFICERS

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*Chief of Police*

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK

*Superintendent of Streets*

WILLIAM E. TOWNSEND

*Moth Superintendent*

HARRY R. MCGREGOR

*Superintendent of Cemetery*

WILLIAM G. MCKAY

*Registrars of Voters*

FRANK W. BUZZELL, Chairman

Term expires 1925

GEORGE E. SMITH

Term expires 1926

EDWARD J. READY

Term expires 1924

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Clerk

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

RANDALL E. ADAMS

*Town Accountant*

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

*Town Counsel*

ROBERT B. WALSH

*Fire Engineers*

CHESTER H. KNOWLES, Chief

RODNEY H. ADAMS

FRANK DANE

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.

## HAMILTON TOWN REPORT

*Inspector of Animals*

GEORGE R. DODGE

*Forest Fire Warden*

FRED BERRY

*Pound Keeper*

GEORGE H. HARADEN

*Field Drivers*

FRED BERRY

MERRILL S. LOVERING

FRED P. KILHAM

ERNEST M. BARKER

GEORGE M. ADAMS

*Measurers of Wood, Bark and Lumber*

JESSE S. MANN

LESTER M. WHIPPLE

RALPH BERRY

TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN

*Keeper of Lockup*

GEORGE H. HARADEN

## ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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### Receipts

#### TAXES

##### Current Year:

Property	\$82,187 48
Poll	2,043 00

##### Previous:

Property	18,620 33
Poll	691 00
	<hr/>
	\$103,541 81

##### From State:

Income Tax, 1921 and prior	\$321 75
Income Tax, 1922	346 50
Income Tax, 1923	22,539 90
Income Tax, 1923 (School)	3,530 00
National Bank Tax, 1923	145 37
Corporation Tax, Public Service, 1922	231 47
Corporation Tax, Public Service, 1923	8,321 58
Corporation Tax, Business, 1922	2 65
Corporation Tax, Business, 1923	50 67
Corporation Tax, Domestic, 1923	9 04
Street Railway Tax, 1923	145 27
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	35,644 20

Forwarded

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\$139,186 01

Brought forward	\$139,186 01
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## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Moth Assessment, 1918	\$ 75	
Moth Assessment, 1919	14 58	
Moth Assessment, 1920	33 00	
Moth Assessment, 1921	160 81	
Moth Assessment, 1922	329 61	
Moth Assessment, 1923	1,232 21	
	<hr/>	1,770 96

## LICENSES

Junk	\$50 00	
Pool	2 00	
Motor Vehicle, Agency	12 00	
Oleo	1 50	
	<hr/>	65 50

## FINES AND FORFEITS

Fines:		
Court	\$250 00	
	<hr/>	250 00

## GRANTS AND GIFTS

From County:		
Dog license	\$331 94	
From Individuals:		
Maxwell Norman	200 00	
	<hr/>	531 94
		<hr/>
Forwarded		\$141,804 41

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Brought forward	\$141,804 41
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## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## Town Hall:

Rent	\$170 00	
	<hr/>	170 00

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## Inspection:

Sealer's fees	25 35
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## Forestry:

State Highway work	101 90	
Forest Warden, Phone tolls	36 65	
	<hr/>	163 90

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## Health:

Tuberculosis	\$255 90	
	<hr/>	255 90

## CHARITIES

## Outside Relief:

From State	\$202 50	
	<hr/>	202 50

## SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid	\$120 00	
Soldiers' Exemption	28	
	<hr/>	120 28

Forwarded	<hr/>	\$142,716 99
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Brought forward	\$142,716 99
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## SCHOOLS

Tuition State Wards	81 91	
Industrial School Tuition	41 63	
Sale of books and supplies	10 45	
	<hr/>	133 99

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fines	\$42 94	
Sale of junk	24 00	
	<hr/>	66 94

## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Fees, Public Scales	\$9 00	
	<hr/>	9 00

## CEMETERIES

Sale of lots	\$500 00	
Sale of Graves	10 00	
	<hr/>	510 00

## INTEREST

Deposits	328 19	
Deferred taxes	1,371 84	
Perpetual Care Funds	207 75	
Dodge Fund Income	45 50	
Allen Fund Income	22 75	
	<hr/>	1,976 03

Forwarded	<hr/>	\$145,412 95
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Brought forward	\$145,412 95
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## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue Loans	\$80,000 00	
	<hr/>	80,000 00

## AGENCY AND TRUST

## Agency:

Redemption of Tax Titles and advertising expense	\$93 74
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## Trust:

Cemetery Perpetual Care	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$493 74

## REFUNDS

## Departmental:

Collector	\$20 01
Highways	19 45
Schools	53 00

## From State:

Civilian War Poll Tax	282 00	
	<hr/>	374 46

<hr/>	\$868 20
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Total receipts, year 1923	\$226,281 15
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## BALANCES

Cash (general) Jan. 1, 1923	\$17,750 89	
Dodge Fund Income, Jan. 1, 1923	80 24	
Allen Fund Income, Jan. 1, 1923	45 67	
	<hr/>	17,876 80

Total	<hr/> \$244,157 95
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## Expenditures

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### LEGISLATIVE

Moderator	\$30 00	
Legislative Committee	48 00	
Finance Committee	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$84 00

#### SELECTMEN

Salaries and Wages:		
Selectmen	\$850 00	
Clerk	50 00	
Other Expenses:		
Postage, stationery, etc.	22 70	
Carfare and expenses	1 50	
Phone	41 30	
Floral Emblem (J. L. Woodbury)	35 00	
Expense Harding Memorial	25 00	
Stenographic report of hearing	15 00	
Part cost new typewriter	20 00	
	<hr/>	1,060 50

#### ACCOUNTING

Salaries and Wages:		
Accountant	\$1,000 00	
Other Expenses:		
Postage, stationery, etc.	51 28	
Part cost new typewriter	40 00	
Repairing adding machine	6 39	
Express	53	
	<hr/>	1,098 20
		<hr/>
Forwarded		\$2,242 70

Brought forward	\$2,242 70
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## TREASURY

## Salaries and wages:

Treasurer	\$750 00
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## Other Expenses:

Postage, stationery, etc.	61 00
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Surety bond	50 00
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Carfare and expenses	11 24
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872 24

## COLLECTOR

## Salaries and Wages:

Collector	\$500 00
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## Other Expenses:

Postage, stationery	99 77
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Surety bond	150 00
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Advertising expense	32 00
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Phone	8 00
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## ASSESSORS

## Salaries and Wages:

Assessors	\$1,267 50
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Clerical work	24 00
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## Other Expenses:

Printing, postage	70 80
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Carfare and expenses	12 50
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Supplies	11 14
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Forwarded	\$1,385 94	\$3904 71
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Brought forward	\$1,385 94	\$3,904 71
Expenses joint meeting	3 84	
Legislative Bulletin	2 00	
Banker and Tradesman	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,398 78

## OTHER FINANCE ACCOUNTS

Certification of notes	\$8 00	
	<hr/>	8 00

## LAW

## Salaries and Wages:

Town Counsel	\$200 00	
	<hr/>	200 00

## TOWN CLERK

## Salaries and Wages:

Town Clerk	\$400 00	
Fees	94 75	

## Other Expenses:

Printing, postage	34 92	
Stenographic work	4 00	
Surety bond	2 50	
Express	43	
Carfare and expenses	5 00	
Part cost new typewriter	7 25	
	<hr/>	548 85

Forwarded	<hr/>	\$6,060 34
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Brought forward	\$6,060 34
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## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

## Salaries and Wages:

Registrars of voters	\$225 00
Election officers	180 00

## Other Expenses:

Printing, postage	204 56
Food, registrars and election officers	56 55
Stenographic reports and type-writing	37 00
Floral emblem (Dodge)	15 00
Carfare and expenses	5 00
Posting warrants	6 00
Express	40

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## TOWN HALL

## Salaries and Wages:

Janitor	\$700 00
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## Other Expenses:

Fuel	466 00
Light	157 54
Janitor's supplies	46 81
Repairs	128 57
Phone	62 88
Water, 1922	35 00
Water, 1923	35 00
Removing ashes	18 00

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\$1,649 80	\$6,789 85
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## HAMILTON TOWN REPORT

Brought forward	\$1,649 80	\$6,789 85
Plants and bulbs	3 75	
Tuning piano	7 50	
Sharpening mowers	4 45	
Laundry	3 50	
P. O. box rent	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,670 75

## EQUIPPING TOWN HALL FOR BASKET BALL

Equipment	\$186 09	
Shower bath	100 00	
Cement work	13 91	
	<hr/>	300 00

## TOWN HALL HEATING

Installing equallizing connection	68 00	
	<hr/>	68 00
Total expenses, General Government		<hr/> \$8,828 60

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## POLICE

## Salaries and Wages:

Chief	\$527 50	
Officers	824 65	
Other Expenses:		
Auto hire	120 00	
Equipment and repairs	58 39	
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Forwarded	\$1,530 54	<hr/> \$8,828 60

Brought forward	\$1,530 54	\$8,828 60
Phone	72 65	
Fuel and light	4 44	
Rent	48 00	
Carfare and expenses	5 85	
Dog warrant	30 00	
Postage, stationery	25 36	
Equipping office	18 40	
Food, prisoners	14 36	
Medical aid	10 00	
Stenography and typewriting	5 23	
Killing dogs	2 00	
Fees (by order of court)	11 32	
	<hr/> \$1,778 15	

## FIRE

## Salaries and Wages:

Firemen	\$393 48		
Janitor	112 50		
Labor on grounds	23 50		
Superintendent of apparatus	75 00		
Superintendent of alarms	25 00		
Clerk	25 00		
Equipment and repairs	251 12		
Fuel	165 75		
Light	29 73		
Building and grounds:			
Repairs	16 22		
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Forwarded	\$1,117 30	\$1,778 15	\$8,828 60

Brought forward	\$1,117 30	\$1,778 15	\$8,828 60
Janitor's supplies	11 25		
Furniture	22 20		
Other Expenses:			
Power fire alarm	53 28		
Supplies auto chemical	24 79		
Phone	56 02		
Postage, stationery, etc.	10 29		
Storage fire wagon, 1921-2-3	45 00		
Gas and oil	8 66		
Freight and express	3 79		
Chauffer's licenses	4 00		
Food, firemen	1 50		
	—————	\$1,358 08	

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salaries and Wages:			
Sealer	\$75 00		
Other Expenses:			
Equipment and repairs	39 21		
Transportation	56 75		
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## INSECT PEST EXTERMINATION

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$1,093 81		
Labor	1,516 21		
Teams	265 50		
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Forwarded	\$2,875 52	\$3,307 19	\$8,828 60

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Brought forward	\$2,875 52	\$3,307 19	\$8,828 60
Equipment	454 04		
Insecticides	973 50		
Other Expenses:			
Gas and oil	219 24		
Liability insurance	82 05		
Auto insurance	45 95		
Phone	26 26		
Freight and express	7 55		
Printing and postage	5 00		
Auto Registration, 1923	2 00		
Auto Registration, 1924	2 00		
Chauffeur's license	2 00		
	<hr/>	4,695 11	

## TREE WARDEN

Salaries and wages	771 25		
Equipment and repairs	19 60		
	<hr/>	790 85	

## FOREST WARDEN

Salaries and Wages:			
Forest Warden	\$10 00		
Pay rolls (fighting fires)	67 80		
Other Expenses:			
Phone	53 36		
Equipment and repairs	11 10		
Teams	8 00		
	<hr/>	\$150 26	

Forwarded	<hr/>	\$8,943 41	<hr/>	\$8,828 60
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Brought forward	\$8,943 41	\$8,828 60
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## NEW MOTH TRUCK

New truck	\$395 15	
	<hr/>	395 15

Total expenses, Protection of Persons and Property		\$9,338 56
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## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## General Administration:

## Salaries and Wages:

Board of Health	\$100 00
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Clerk	25 00
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## Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:

Medical aid	32 71
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## Tuberculosis:

Board and treatment	266 50
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## Vital Statistics:

Return of births	3 50
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## Other Expenses:

Collection of Rubbish	890 07
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Dump	129 37
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Fumigation and disinfection	43 45
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Burying dead animals	2 00
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## Inspection:

Animals	48 00
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Meat	3 50
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<hr/>	\$1,544 10
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Forwarded

<hr/>	\$1,544 10	<hr/>	\$18,167 16
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## FINANCIAL REPORT

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Brought forward	\$1,544 10	\$18,167 16
Maintenance of Tuberculosis Sanatorium:		
Assessment by county	\$1,087 05	
	<u>1,087 05</u>	
Total expenses, Health and Sanitation		<u>2,631 15</u>

## HIGHWAYS

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Streets	\$1,110 00	
	<u>1,110 00</u>	

## GENERAL EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$3,110 90		
Teams	1,171 76		
Stone, gravel, etc.	927 76		
Equipment and Repairs:			
New dump truck	770 43		
Cement mixer	235 20		
Repairs, auto trucks	326 07		
Repairing shed for truck	43 21		
Tools	93 35		
Repairs, road machines	79 39		
Other Expenses:			
Maple street contract	1,500 00		
Civil engineer	587 28		
Insurance, auto trucks	133 15		
	<u>\$8,977 74</u>	<u>\$1,110 00</u>	<u>\$20,798 31</u>
Forwarded			

Brought forward	\$8,977 74	\$1,110 00	\$20,798 31
Insurance, liability	98 04		
Gas and oil	254 74		
Patching material	306 33		
New catch basin	100 00		
Freight and express	70 68		
Storage oil wagon, 1922-3	30 00		
Auto registration and oath, 1922-1923	14 25		
Expenses, state truck	16 92		
Storage auto truck	8 00		
	<hr/>	\$9,876 70	
BRIDGES			
Salaries and wages	\$9 20		
Lumber and materials	32 94		
	<hr/>	42 14	
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION			
Labor	\$480 00		
Truck and teams	300 00		
Rock dust	234 00		
Road oil	86 00		
Cinders	66 00		
	<hr/>	1,166 00	
OILING			
Road oil	\$2,201 18		
Freight	33 00		
	<hr/>	2,234 18	
Forward		<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$14,429 02	\$20,798 31

Brought forward	\$14,429 02	\$20,798 31
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## ROAD ROLLER

Engineer	\$305 50	
Repairs	12 86	
Fuel	133 03	
	<hr/>	451 39

## OTHER EXPENSES

Street signs	\$102 96	
	<hr/>	102 96

Total expenses, Highway Appropriation	\$14,983 37	
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## SNOW

Salaries and wages	\$13,587 72	
Teams	4,143 13	
Equipment and repairs	174 20	
Sand	68 50	
	<hr/>	17,973 55

## UNION STREET DRAINAGE

Contract	\$2,444 00	
Extra labor and materials	56 00	
	<hr/>	2,500 00

## NORMAN FUND

Labor	\$182 00	
Lawn mower	8 75	
	<hr/>	190 75

Forwarded	\$35,647 65	\$20,798 31
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## HAMILTON TOWN REPORT

Brought forward	\$35,647 65	\$20,798 31
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## STREET LIGHTING

Contract	\$6,369 71	
	<hr/>	6,369 71
Total Highway Division		<hr/> \$42,017 38

## CHARITIES

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

## Salaries and Wages:

Overseers	\$100 00	
Clerk	25 00	
Postage, stationery, etc.	2 37	
	<hr/>	127 37

## OUTSIDE RELIEF

Groceries and provisions	\$498 24	
Coal and wood	218 00	
Medical aid	168 15	
Cash aid	244 50	
Rent	88 00	
Burial expenses	10 00	
Carfare and expenses	3 10	
	<hr/>	1,229 99

## RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS

Food	\$388 81		
Fuel	37 75		
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Forwarded	\$426 56	\$1,357 36	\$62,815 69

Brought forward	\$426 56	\$1,357 36	\$62,815 69
Rent	163 98		
Medical aid	138 50		
Clothing	2 75		
	<hr/>	731 79	

## MOTHERS' AID

By Town:			
Cash aid	\$156 00		
	<hr/>	156 00	
Total expenses charities		<hr/>	\$2,245 15

## SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State aid	\$198 00		
	<hr/>	\$198 00	
Soldiers' Relief:			
Cash aid	\$96 00		
Medical aid	24 08		
	<hr/>	120 08	
Total payment Soldiers' Benefits		<hr/>	318 08

## SCHOOLS

## GENERAL

School Committee:			
Purchasing Agent, 1922	\$75 00		
Purchasing Agent, 1923	75 00		
Chairman, 1922	25 00		
	<hr/>		
Forwarded	\$175 00		\$65,378 92

Brought forward	\$175 00	\$65,378 92
Chairman, 1923	25 00	
Clerk, 1922	12 50	
Clerk, 1923	25 00	
Superintendent of Schools:		
Salary	1,102 50	
Clerk and expenses	221 56	
Truant officer, salary	100 00	
Postage, stationery, etc.	58 62	
Telephone	90 58	
Travelling expense	298 88	
School census	30 00	
Health:		
School Physician, 1922	300 00	
School Physician, 1923	300 00	
School Nurse	258 00	
Health supplies	25 36	
Other Expenses:		
Expenses of instruction	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,037 00

## TEACHERS' SALARIES

High (includes Junior High)	\$10,299 19	
Elementary	14,521 81	
Music	519 72	
Retirement Fund:		
High	364 19	
Elementary	614 81	
Music	20 28	
	<hr/>	26,340 00
Forwarded	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$29,377 00	\$65,378 92

Brought forward	\$29,377 00	\$65,378 92
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## TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES

## High:

Books	\$275 85
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Supplies	1,453 16
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## Elementary:

Books	154 24
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Supplies	1,460 60
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————	3,343 85
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## TRANSPORTATION

High and Elementary, 1922	\$350 00
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High and Elementary, 1923	3,500 00
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————	3,850 00
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## JANITOR SERVICE

High	\$756 00
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Elementary	1,856 00
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————	2,612 00
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## FUEL AND LIGHT

## High:

Fuel	\$1,257 32
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Light	70 17
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## Elementary:

Fuel	2,376 32
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Light	84 88
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————	3,788 69
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Forwarded

\$42,971 54
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\$65,378 92
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Brought forward	\$42,971 54	\$65,378 92
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### MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

#### High:

Repairs	\$581 29
Janitor's supplies	97 73
Removing ashes	7 25
Janitor's carfare, etc.	93

#### Elementary:

Repairs	768 15
Janitor's supplies	97 79
Removing ashes	9 25
Janitor's carfare, etc.	93
	<hr/> \$1,563 32

### FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

High	\$135 99	
Elementary	106 01	
	<hr/>	242 00

### OTHER EXPENSES

Diplomas and graduating expenses	\$42 04
Rent of basket ball equipment	20 00
Drinking water	52 00
Freight	7 17
Tuning piano	3 00
	<hr/> 124 21

Total expenses, School Appropriation	\$44,901 07
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Forwarded	\$44,901 07	\$65,378 92
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Brought forward	\$44,901 07	\$65,378 92
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## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Tuition	\$527 27	
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## CENTER SCHOOL REPAIRS

Advertising bids	\$8 00	
	<hr/>	8 00

## SCHOOL HOUSE INSURANCE

Insurance	\$1,827 19	
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Total payments School Division		<hr/> \$47,263 53

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Salaries and Wages:

Librarians	\$525 00	
Pay roll, cataloging	139 49	
Janitor, South Branch	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$689 49

## Books and Periodicals:

Books	\$1,075 15	
Periodicals	160 50	
	<hr/>	1,235 65

Forwarded	\$1,925 14	<hr/> \$112,642 45
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Brought forward		\$1,925 14	\$112,642 45
Fuel and Light:			
Fuel	\$28 50		
Light	22 07		
	<hr/>	50 57	
Buildings and Grounds:			
Rent	\$180 00		
Repairs	4 70		
Janitor's supplies	25		
	<hr/>	184 95	
Library cards and cataloging			
supplies	\$78 12		
Expenses of instruction	9 00		
Transportation books	7 50		
Postage, stationery, etc.	7 13		
P. O. Box rent	1 75		
Express	76		
	<hr/>	104 26	
Total payments Public Library		<hr/>	\$2,264 92

## RECREATION

## PARKS

Labor	\$79 00		
Lumber	5 58		
Paint and brushes	3 05		
	<hr/>	\$87 63	
		<hr/>	87 63
Forwarded			<hr/>
			\$114,955 00

Brought forward		\$114,955 00
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## UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	\$214 50	
Town clock	161 28	
Town reports	324 58	
American Legion	200 00	
Boiler Insurance	56 65	
	<hr/>	\$957 01
Total payments unclassified		<hr/> 957 01

## CEMETERY

Salaries and Wages:		
Superintendent	\$219 50	
Labor	428 97	
Commissioners	45 00	
Other Expenses:		
Equipment and repairs	38 32	
Teams	16 00	
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Payments, Cemetery Appropriation	\$747 79	
Payments for care endowed lots	207 75	
Total payments, Cemetery Division	<hr/>	955 54

## INTEREST

On Temporary Loans	\$1,984 67	
On East School Loan	562 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,547 17
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		\$2,547 17
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Forwarded		\$119,454 72

Brought forward	\$119,454 72
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## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Loans in Anticipation of Revenue	\$70,000 00
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East School Bond	1,000 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$71,000 00
		<u>          </u> 71,000 00

## AGENCY AND TRUST

## AGENCY

State Tax, 1923	\$9,240 00
County Tax, 1923	8,742 66
Civilian War Poll Tax, 1923	1,707 00
State Highway Tax, 1923	739 24
State Audit, 1923	310 16
Tax Titles, bid in by Town	273 35
Advertising Tax Sales	55 00
Recording Tax Titles	7 60
	<u>          </u> \$21,075 01

## TRUST

Investment of Perpetual Care Funds	\$400 00
Investment of Special Cemetery Funds	500 00
	<u>          </u> 900 00
Total payments Agency and Trust	<u>          </u> 21,975 01
Forwarded	<u>          </u> \$212,429 73

Brought forward \$212,429 73

## REFUNDS

Corporation Tax to State	\$954 40		
Taxes	6 60		
Moth Assessment	2 43		
	\$963 43		
		963 43	
Total payments, year 1923			\$213,393 16

## BALANCES

General cash, Dec. 31, 1923	\$30,570 63		
Dodge Fund Income, Dec. 31, 1923	125 74		
Allen Fund Income, Dec. 31, 1923	68 42		
	\$30,764 79		
		30,764 79	
			\$244,157 95

## TRANSFERS

## RESERVE FUND

## TRANSFERS BY FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD

1923 TRANSFERS			1923 APPROPRIATIONS	
Aug. 28	Town Clock	\$120 00	Jan. 1	\$ 459 79
Aug. 28	Memorial Day	14 50	Mar. 20	3,000 00
Aug. 28	Health	350 00		
Aug. 28	Election and Registration	75 00		
Dec. 31	Police	278 15		
Dec. 31	Sealer	20 96		
Dec. 31	Forest Warden	85 26		
Dec. 31	Health	142 60		
Dec. 31	Carried over to 1924	2,373 32		
		\$3,459 79		\$3,459 79

# TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance sheet, December 31, 1923

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash on hand		Revenue Loans	\$20,000 00
Accounts Receivable:	\$30,764 79	Overlay for Abatement of Taxes:	
Taxes, levy of 1920	\$63 60	Levy of 1920	\$27 87
Taxes, levy of 1921	181 82	Levy of 1921	45 06
Taxes, levy of 1922	445 71	Levy of 1922	445 71
Taxes, levy of 1923	17,866 38	Levy of 1923	1,555 60
	18,557 51		
Special Assessment:		Special Assessment Revenue	2,074 24
Moth levy of 1922	17 40	(Outstanding Moth Assessments)	379 72
Moth levy of 1923	362 32		
Commonwealth of Mass. (State Aid)	379 72	Appropriation Balances:	
Real Estate Tax Titles	198 00	Town Hall heating	\$27 55
	400 31	Center School	1,492 00
		Soldier's Memorial	5,000 00
		Reserve Fund	2,373 32
		Norman Fund	8,892 87
		Dodge Fund income	209 25
		Allen Fund income	125 74
		Overlay Reserve (Surplus overlay)	68 42
		Tailings account	4,654 24
		Cemetery Lots (to be invested)	42 81
		Excess and Deficiency (surplus)	10 00
			13,843 04
	\$50,300 33		
			\$50,300 33

# DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt	\$12,000 00	East School Loan	\$12,000 00
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# TRUST FUNDS

Cash and Securities	\$10,084 16	Perpetual Care Funds	\$7,896 21
		Dodge Library Fund	1,000 00
		Allen Library Fund	500 00
		Special Cemetery Fund	687 95
	<u>\$10,084 16</u>		<u>\$10,084 16</u>

# CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

December 31, 1923

	Endowment	Balance Jan. 1, 1923	Receipts 1923	Payments 1923	Balance Dec. 31, 1923
Abbott, M. K.	\$200.00	\$244.24	\$9.86	\$9.00	\$245.10
Allen, Albert F.	100.00	99.73	4.00	3.00	100.73
Allen, D. S.	300.00	453.17	18.30	11.00	460.47
Allen, Dr. Justin	100.00	101.77	4.08	3.00	102.85
Andrews, Horace E.	100.00	102.40	4.64	3.00	104.04
Ayers Fund	150.00	160.69	6.46	3.00	164.15
Bean, Ellen A.	100.00	115.20	4.64	10.50	109.34
Brown, Elizabeth S.	100.00	103.27	4.16	3.00	104.43
Burnham, Amos	100.00	107.75	4.32	2.50	109.57
Burnham, Choate,	175.00	178.14	7.18	6.50	178.82
Burnham, Choate,	100.00	104.92	4.75	3.00	106.67
Burton, F. J. & P. W.	100.00	102.42	4.64	4.50	102.56
Butler, N. B.	100.00	100.75	4.57	3.00	102.32
Chadwick, Angeline	75.00	77.82	3.51	2.50	78.83
Cutler, Temple (new lot)	75.00	77.82	3.51	2.50	78.83
Cutler, Temple (old lot)	108.00	107.84	4.89	4.75	107.98
Dane, Ephraim A.	1,000.00	1,128.26	45.56	8.00	1,165.82
Dane, Francis	100.00	100.89	4.57	4.00	101.46
Dane, Joseph F.	100.00	109.82	4.42	6.00	108.24
Dane, Luther	100.00	102.52	4.12	4.00	102.64
Davenport, J. K.	100.00	105.02	4.77	3.00	107.39
Dodge, Edward W.	200.00	259.92	10.49	3.50	266.91
Dodge, H. Augusta	100.00	108.07	4.91	3.00	109.98
Dodge, James E.	100.00	103.14	4.24	3.00	106.38
Dodge, Joseph T.	100.00	105.04	4.77	3.00	106.81
Duffon, Joseph W.	100.00	100.00	4.55	3.00	101.55
Ellis, Emily	50.00	51.40	2.32	2.00	51.72
Fillebrown, H. K.	100.00	110.10	4.44	3.00	111.54
Gleason, William T.	100.00	102.04	4.64	3.00	103.68
Goodhue, Samuel G.	50.00	51.40	2.32	2.00	51.72
Graham, Charles E.	100.00	101.12	4.59	3.00	102.71
Hayes, Olivia E.					

Haynes, George T.	100.00	102.48	4.12	3.00	103.60
Henry, Henry R.	75.00	77.22	3.49	3.00	77.71
Horne, Thomas	100.00	106.09	4.82	2.50	108.41
Kimball, Susan A.	150.00	155.24	7.05	4.50	157.79
Kinsman, Jacob	100.00	107.72	4.32	3.00	109.04
Knowlton, George K.	100.00	103.75	4.71	2.50	105.96
Knowlton, Isaac F.	200.00	208.71	9.47	4.00	214.18
Lovering, Joseph P.	100.00	103.52	4.68	3.50	104.70
Mason, Arthur	100.00	105.20	4.77	3.00	106.97
McNeil, Hattie	100.00	102.17	4.64	3.00	103.81
Patch, Emeline	100.00	105.06	4.77	3.00	106.83
Patch, Laura	100.00	103.22	4.68	3.00	104.90
Peterson, Charles A.	100.00	102.32	4.64	3.00	103.96
Preston, Thomas	100.00	103.54	4.68	7.00	101.22
Roberts, Daniel	100.00	105.10	4.24	4.00	105.34
Safford, Daniel	100.00	101.23	4.08	4.00	101.31
Thayer, Samuel E.	100.00	101.12	4.59	3.00	102.71
Townsend, William E.	100.00	102.78	4.12	3.00	103.90
Tuttle, John	100.00	102.42	4.64	3.00	104.06
Whipple, Albert M.	100.00	100.33	4.55	3.50	101.38
Whipple, Emerson A.	100.00	100.00	4.55	3.00	101.55
Whipple, Hannah M.	100.00	102.94	4.12	3.00	104.06
Whipple, L. D.	100.00	108.22	4.36	5.00	107.58
Added in 1923					
Austin, Delia	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	100.00
Proctor, James	300.00	.....	300.00	.....	300.00
Total	\$7208.00	\$7389.65	\$714.31	\$207.75	\$7,896.21
Savings Bank Deposits beginning of year,					\$7,389.65
Savings Bank Deposits end of year,					7,896.21

# RECEIPTS

Deposits for care	\$400 00
Interest	314 31
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	\$714 31

# PAYMENTS

Care of Lots	\$207 75
Deposited in Savings Banks	506 56
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	\$714 31

## SPECIAL CEMETERY FUND

	Principal	Interest	Total
Savings Bank Deposit at beginning of year	\$180 00	\$0 90	\$180 90
Deposited in Savings Bank in 1923	500 00		500 00
Interest in 1923		7 05	7 05
Total	<hr/> \$680 00	<hr/> \$7 95	<hr/> \$687 95

## PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1923

## DR. JUSTIN ALLEN FUND

Savings Bank deposit at beginning of year	\$500 00
Savings Bank deposit at end of year	500 00

## ALLEN FUND INCOME

INCOME		PAYMENTS	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1,		Cash on hand Dec. 31,	
1923	\$45 67	1923	\$68 42
Interest	22 75		
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	\$68 42		\$68 42

## H. AUGUSTA DODGE FUND

Savings Bank deposit at beginning of year	\$1,000 00
Savings Bank deposit at end of year	1,000 00

## DODGE FUND INCOME

INCOME		PAYMENTS	
Cash on hand Jan. 1,		Cash on hand Dec. 31,	
1923	\$80 24	1923	\$125 74
Interest	45 50		
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	\$125 74		\$125 74

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,

*Town Accountant.*

**TREASURER'S CASH**

December 31, 1923

Cash on hand, January 1, 1923	\$17,876 80	
Receipts in 1923	226,281 15	
	<hr/>	\$244,157 95
Payments in 1923 per warrants	\$213,393 16	
Cash on hand December 31, 1923	30,764 79	
	<hr/>	\$244,157 95
Cash on hand December 31, 1923		\$30,764 79
Merchants National Bank, deposit	\$26,020 33	
Cash in office	4,744 46	
	<hr/>	\$30,764 79
Merchants National Bank, checkbook	\$26,020 33	
Outstanding checks, per list	4,508 71	
	<hr/>	\$30,529 04
Merchants National Bank, balance Dec. 31, 1923, statement		\$30,529 04

Yours respectfully,

ANNIE E. WOODBURY,

*Treasurer.*

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS  
AND TAXATION

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

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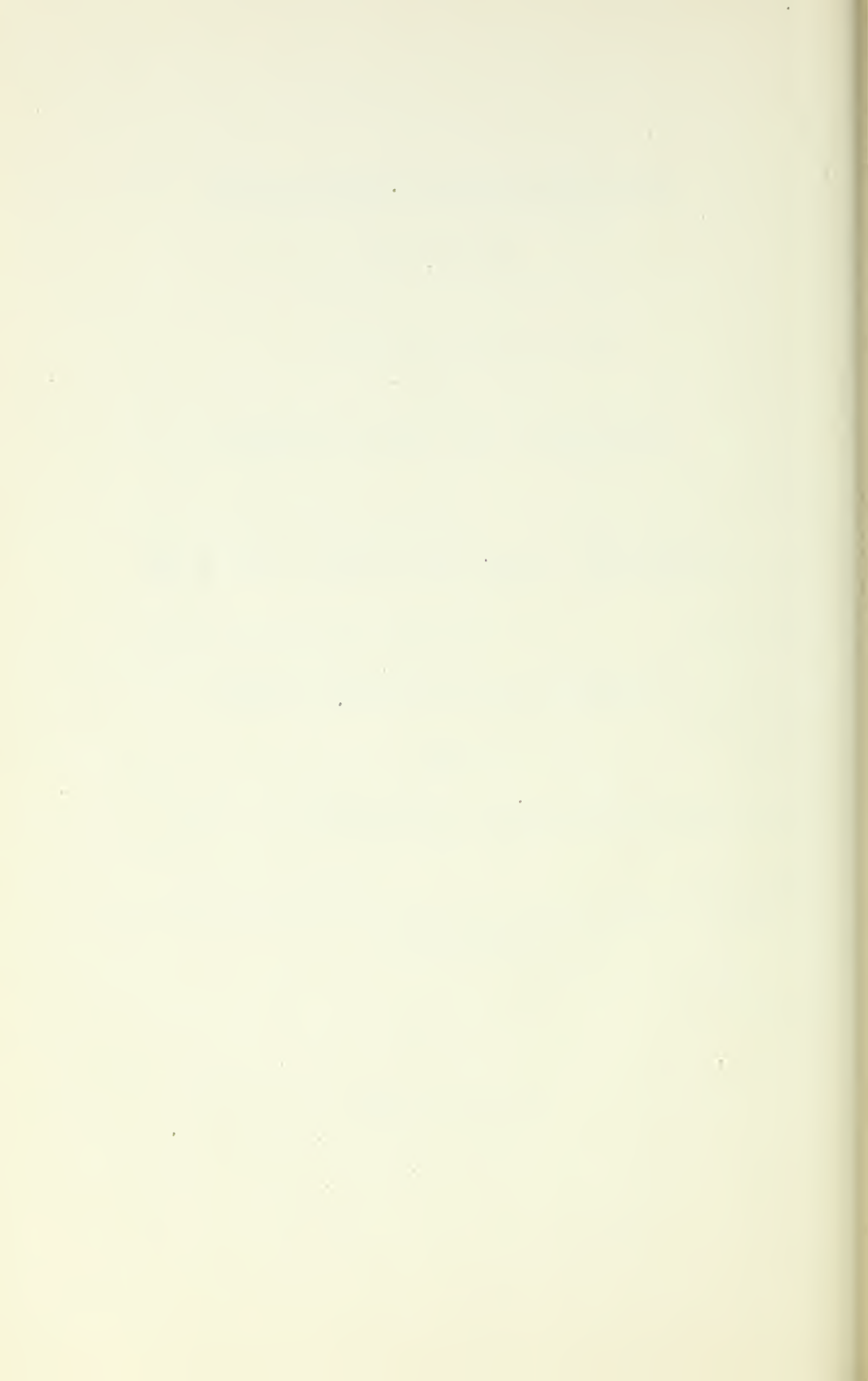
REPORT OF AN AUDIT  
OF  
**THE ACCOUNTS**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF HAMILTON**  
FOR

The year ending **DECEMBER 31, 1923**

Made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44  
General Laws

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January 31, 1924



# REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION.  
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS.  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

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January 31, 1924.

*To the Board of Selectmen,*

MR. AVON D. BRADEEN, *Chairman,*  
Hamilton, Massachusetts.

*Gentlemen:—*

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the Town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1923, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division, who was placed in charge of the work.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,  
*Director of Accounts.*

TNW/JMC

## REPORT OF CHIEF EXAMINER

MR. THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts,

Department of Corporations and Taxation,

State House, Boston.

*Sir:—*

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the accounts of the Town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1923, and report thereon as follows:

The books and accounts of the Town Accountant were examined and checked, the reported receipts being checked with the financial records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the Treasurer's books. The payments were checked by a comparison of the approved bills and pay-rolls with Selectmen's warrants authorizing disbursements.

The ledger accounts were checked, footed and compared with the classification book, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet prepared showing the financial condition of the Town as of December 31, 1923.

The appropriation accounts, as recorded, were checked with the Town Clerk's record of appropriations voted by the Town.

The books and accounts of the Treasurer were examined. The footings of the cash book were proved, the receipts checked and compared with the Accountant's books, and the payments compared with the warrants authorizing the Treasurer to disburse town funds.

The cash balance was verified by a count of the cash on hand and by a reconciliation of the bank account with the bank statement furnished by the bank.

The several trust funds in the custody of the Treasurer were verified by examining the savings bank books, and were found to be correct and properly recorded.

The books and accounts of the Tax Collector were examined, the commitments being verified and the abatements checked to the Assessors' records of abatements granted. The cash book was footed and payments of taxes were checked in detail to the commitment books. The payments to the Treasurer were checked to the Treasurer's books, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the Accountant's ledger.

A further verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. One reply was received stating that the account had been paid. This was investigated and it was found that the Collector was holding the check pending an adjustment of the account. From the balance of the replies received I am satisfied that the accounts are correct.

The records of dog and of fishing and hunting licenses issued by the Town Clerk were examined and payments to the County and the State were checked and verified.

The records of receipts from licenses, library fines, and from the Sealer of Weights and Measures were examined, and the reported payments to the Treasurer were checked with the Treasurer's and the Accountant's books.

The surety bonds furnished by the officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the Treasurer's cash, summaries of the cash and assessment accounts, together with tables of the trust funds and a balance sheet.

For the uniform courtesy extended by the several depart-

ment officials while I was engaged in making the audit I wish, on behalf of my assistant and myself, to express my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FENTON,  
*Chief Examiner.*

EHF/JMC

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH.

Cash balance, January 1, 1923	\$17,876 80	
Receipts, 1923	226,281 15	
	<hr/>	\$244,157 95
Payments, 1923	\$213,393 16	
Cash balance, December 31, 1923	30,764 79	
	<hr/>	\$244,157 95
Cash balance, January 1, 1924	\$30,764 79	
Receipts, January 1 to 15, 1924	787 44	
	<hr/>	\$31,552 23
Payments, January 1 to 15, 1924	\$21,994 79	
Cash balance, January 15, 1924	9,557 44	
	<hr/>	\$31,552 23
Cash balance, January 15, 1924		9,557 44
Merchants National Bank (Salem) balance	\$8,286 76	
Cash on hand, verified	1,270 68	
	<hr/>	\$9,557 44
Merchants National Bank balance	\$8,286 76	
Outstanding checks per list	21,727 30	
	<hr/>	\$30,014 06
Bank balance, January 15, 1924, per bank statement	<hr/>	\$30,014 06

## TAXES—1918

Outstanding January 1, 1923	\$2 10
Payments to Treasurer	\$2 10

## TAXES—1919

Outstanding January 1, 1923		\$237 26
Payments to Treasurer	\$232 09	
Abatements	5 17	
	<hr/>	\$237 26

## TAXES—1920

Outstanding January 1, 1923	\$1,477 38	
Taxes paid after abatement	1 60	
Abatement after payment—refunded	3 20	
	<hr/>	\$1,482 18
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,404 78	
Abatements	13 80	
Outstanding December 31, 1923	63 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,482 18
Outstanding January 1, 1924		\$63 60
Payments to Treasurer January 1 to 15, 1924	\$1 60	
Outstanding January 15, 1924, per list	62 00	
	<hr/>	\$63 60

## TAXES—1921

Outstanding January 1, 1923	\$6,566 63	
Payment after abatement	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,568 63
Payments to Treasurer	\$6,338 21	
Abatements	48 60	
Outstanding December 31, 1923	181 82	
	<hr/>	\$6,568 63
Outstanding January 1, 1924		\$181 82

## DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

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Payments to Treasurer January 1 to 15,		
1924	\$6 00	
Outstanding January 15, 1924, per list	175 82	
		\$181 82

## TAXES—1922

Outstanding January 1, 1923	\$11,922 32	
Abatement after payment—refunded	3 40	
	<hr/>	\$11,925 72
Payments to Treasurer	\$11,334 15	
Abatements	94 86	
Tax titles	51 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1923	445 71	
	<hr/>	\$11,925 72
Outstanding January 1, 1924		\$445 71
Payments to Treasurer January 1 to 15,		
1924	\$1 70	
Outstanding January 15, 1924	444 01	
		\$445 71

## TAXES—1923

Commitment per warrant	\$103,321 43	
Additional commitment	97 95	
Moth collections 1923 credited to taxes	16 91	
	<hr/>	\$103,436 29
Payments to Treasurer	\$84,230 48	
Abatements	1,160 02	
Tax titles	94 50	
Outstanding December 31, 1923	17,951 29	
	<hr/>	\$103,436 29

Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$17,951 29	
Overpayment to Treasurer	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$17,953 39
Payments to Treasurer January 1 to 15, 1924	\$755 70	
Abatements January 1 to 15, 1924	15 15	
Outstanding January 15, 1924	16,013 34	
Cash in Collector's hands	1,169 20	
	<hr/>	\$17,953 39

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1918

Outstanding January 1, 1923	\$0 75
Payments to Treasurer	\$0 75

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1919

Outstanding January 1, 1923	\$13 49	
Refunded	1 62	
	<hr/>	\$15 11
Payments to Treasurer	\$14 58	
Abatements	53	
	<hr/>	\$15 11

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1920

Outstanding January 1, 1923	\$33 00
Payments to Treasurer	\$33 00

## DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

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## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1921

Outstanding January 1, 1923	\$160 00	
Overpayment to Treasurer	81	
	<hr/>	\$160 81
Payments to Treasurer		\$160 81

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1922

Outstanding January 1, 1923		\$347 01
Payments to Treasurer	\$329 61	
Outstanding December 31, 1923	17 40	
	<hr/>	\$347 01

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1923

Commitment		\$1,594 53
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,232 21	
Moth collections credited to taxes 1923	16 91	
Outstanding December 31, 1923	345 41	
	<hr/>	\$1,594 53
Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$345 41	
Overpayment to Treasurer	05	
	<hr/>	\$345 46
Payments to Treasurer January 1 to 15, 1924	\$17 56	
Outstanding January 15, 1924, per list	327 90	
	<hr/>	\$345 46

## DR. JUSTIN ALLEN—LIBRARY FUND

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	\$15 67	\$500 00	\$545 67
On hand at end of year	\$68 42	\$500 00	\$568 42

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	\$22 75	Cash on hand at end	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	*45 67	of year	*\$68 42
Total	\$68 42	Total	\$68 42

## H. A. DODGE—LIBRARY FUND

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	\$80 24	\$1,000 00	\$1,080 24
On hand at end of year	\$125 74	\$1,000 00	\$1,125 74

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	\$45 50	Cash on hand at end	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	*80 24	of year	*\$125 74
Total	\$125 74	Total	\$125 74

\*In general cash

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	\$7,389 65	\$7,389 65
On hand at end of year	\$7,896 21	\$7,896 21

## RECEIPTS

## PAYMENTS

Income	\$314 31	Deposited in savings	
Bequests	400 00	bank	\$506 56
		Expended for care of	
		lots	207 75
Total	<u>714 31</u>	Total	<u>714 31</u>

## CEMETERY SPECIAL FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	\$180 90	\$180 90
On hand at end of year	\$687 95	\$687 95

## RECEIPTS

## PAYMENTS

Income	\$7 05	Deposited in savings	
Sale of lots	500 00	bank	\$507 05
Total	<u>\$507 05</u>	Total	<u>\$507 05</u>

## TOWN OF HAMILTON

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1923

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

*Assets*

Cash in bank and office		\$30,764 79
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1920	\$63 60	
Levy of 1921	181 82	
Levy of 1922	445 71	
Levy of 1923	17,951 29	
	<hr/>	18,642 42
Tax Titles		400 31
Special Assessments:		
Moth 1922	\$17 40	
Moth 1923	345 41	
	<hr/>	362 81
Due from State:		
State Aid		198 00
		<hr/>
		\$50,368 33

*Liabilities*

## Temporary Loans:

In anticipation of revenue		\$20,000 00
Norman Fund		209 25
Tailings Account		42 81
Dodge Fund Income		125 74
Allen Fund Income		68 42
Sale of cemetery lot		10 00
Unexpended balances:		
Town Hall heating	\$27 55	
Centre School repairs	1,492 00	
Memorial for Soldiers and Sailors	5,000 00	
Reserve Fund	2,373 32	
		<hr/> 8,892 87
Overlay (reserved for abatements):		
Levy of 1920	\$27 87	
Levy of 1921	45 06	
Levy of 1922	445 71	
Levy of 1923	1,623 60	
		<hr/> 2,142 24
Special assessment revenue		362 81
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)		4,654 24
Surplus Revenue		13,859 95
		<hr/> \$50,368 33

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$12,000 00
	<hr/>
	\$12,000 00
East Schoolhouse Loan	\$12,000 00
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	\$12,000 00

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Cash and Securities:		
Trust Funds	\$9,396 21	
Investment Fund	687 95	
	<hr/>	\$10,084 16
		<hr/>
		\$10,084 16
Allen Library Fund		\$500 00
Dodge Library Fund		1,000 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		7,896 21
Cemetery Special Fund		687 95
		<hr/>
		\$10,084 16

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

### BIRTHS RECORDED

1923

- Aug. 24 Kathryn Fraser, daughter of  
Jesse S. and A. Marion (Fraser) Mann.
- Sept. 28 Amos Waren Atwood, Jr., son of  
Amos W. A. and Edith (Dodge) Fuller.
- Oct. 19 Gordon Everett, son of  
Walter H. and Bertha M. (Page) Burnham.

1922

- Jan. 15 Elizabeth, daughter of  
Michael and Mary (McGrail) Donlon.
- Jan. 17 Harold Erval, son of  
James M. and Mildred E. (Smith) Jeffery.
- Jan. 19 Edna Elizabeth, daughter of  
Harry and Margaret (Jarrett) Fulmer.
- Jan. 19 Gordon Albert, son of  
Robert H. Jr. and Mabel F. (Batchelder) Chittick
- Jan. 21 Edward, son of  
Edward W. and Mary A. (Moloney) Wallace.
- Jan. 21 Joseph, son of  
George and Mary (Brodskmi) Pielka.
- Mar. 31 Donald L. Roy, son of  
Ray M. and Abbie L. (Frear) Sanford.
- Apr. 2 Thomas E. Jr., son of  
Thomas E. and Elisabeth (Lyman) Rice.

- Apr. 14 Margaret Mary, daughter of  
Thomas and Margaret (O'Sullivan) Millerick.
- Apr. 30 Cecil Wier, son of  
William L. and Irene (Toner) Ledford.
- May 1 Arlene Althea, daughter of  
Raymond A. and Grace W. (Grey) Tucker.
- May 1 Louise Webster, daughter of  
Archie L. and Sarah G. (Webster) Moore.
- May 13 Virginia, daughter of  
George and Katherine (Shea) Cracknell.
- May 16 Arthur E. Jr., son of  
Arthur E. and Bertha E. (Lord) Morrow.
- May 19 Joseph Martin, son of  
Felix and Honorata (Weirzoreh) Baker.
- May 29 Kenneth Nelson, son of  
Ernest R. and Annie T. (Callahan) Faulkner.
- June 8 Joseph Vincent, son of  
Thomas and Julia (Burke) Sargent.
- June 14 June, daughter of  
William J. and Bertha (Aull) Campbell.
- June 22 Alfredo Mariano, son of  
James and Helen (Bambrildare) Clemeno.
- Aug. 1 Dorothy, daughter of  
Frank E. and Adelaid O. (Courtis) Manthorn.
- Aug. 5 Gardner Pierce, son of  
Frank and Gertrude (Perkins) Burton.
- Aug. 11 Bryce Endicott, son of  
Bryce E. and Eleanor (Eastman) Glover.
- Aug. 15 Katherine Ursula, daughter of  
Joseph D. and Catherine (Canlon) McDonald.

- Sept. 4 Dorothy May, daughter of  
Leland and Marion (Crowley) Thompson.
- Sept. 12 Richard Edwin, son of  
Valmore and Ann (Bohannon) Cole.
- Oct. 9 Viola Joan, daughter of  
George H. and Lucy (Wilson) Bailey.
- Dec. 5 Martha Wallace, daughter of  
J. William and Jessie (Bartlett) Cunningham.
- Dec. 27 Helen, daughter of  
Oliver and Sybil (Appleton) Wolcott.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED

Wallace Bruce of Hamilton,  
Myrtle Conrad of Hamilton.  
Harold N. Auger of Salem,  
Gertrude L. Ball of Hamilton.  
John Holtum of Hamilton,  
Elizabeth F. Thomas of Hamilton.  
Frederick Swindell of Danvers,  
Elsie M. Abbott of Hamilton.  
Percival D. Whipple of Hamilton,  
Elinor G. Robinson of Hamilton.  
Richard R. Peabody of Hamilton,  
Ethel J. MacKean of Hamilton.  
Arthur Marquis of Salem, Mass.,  
Mildred L. Back of Hamilton.  
Myron Alden Perkins of Wenham,  
Annie L. O'Connor of Medford.  
John F. Egan of Beverly,  
Barbara E. Duran of Hamilton.  
Henry T. Rogers of Hamilton,

Marion Archer of Beverly.  
George R. McGrady of Middleborough,  
Lena T. Wieman of Middleborough.  
Frank R. Gardner of Boston,  
Edna M. Chisholm of Everett.  
John R. Thurrell of Lynn,  
Ruth E. Brown of Lynn.  
**Isaac John McParland** of Hamilton,  
Katherine Madigen of Somerville.  
**Thomas Proctor Mandell** of **Hamilton**,  
Geraldine Clark of Boston.  
Edward E. Graves of Boston,  
Miriam E. Luscomb of Milton  
Victor W. Daley of Hamilton,  
Emily Mary Ferreira of Manchester.  
Silas Warren Grant of Hamilton,  
Marie Belanger of Salem.  
Leon Smith Perkins of Beverly,  
Florence Reid Schaller of Hamilton.  
Robie Waldo Mehlman of Somerville,  
Mary Elizabeth Potter of Hamilton.  
**Albert J. Michaud** of Hamilton,  
Margaret Hagerty of Cambridge.  
David B. Coleman of Lynn,  
Margaret M. Babin of Lynn.  
Robert Gordon Martin of Hamilton,  
Minnie F. Sewell of Hamilton.

## DEATHS RECORDED

1923		Yrs. mos. days		
Jan. 15	Katherine Tangney	50		
Jan. 19	Philip M. Saulnier	56		
Jan. 18	Elizabeth Donlon	0	0	4
Jan. 31	Daniel D. Stone	80	3	8
Feb. 7	Joseph Pielka	0	0	17
Feb. 12	John L. Woodbury	80	1	1
Feb. 28	William H. Wallace	52	4	26
Mar. 5	Austin A. Whipple	79	9	27
Mar. 23	Mary Pielka	35	1	21
Apr. 11	James E. Dodge	49	8	21
May 22	Arthur E. Morrow, Jr.	0	0	6
May 28	Margaret Graham	57		
June 3	James W. McGinley	22	5	23
June 21	Samuel A. Ingalls	63		
June 26	Mary L. Procter	75	11	11
July 22	Edward Brewer	71	10	27
Aug. 7	Lawrence J. Powers	1	2	5
Aug. 15	Hannah D. Perkins	69	1	11
Sept. 12	Walter E. Newhall	42	11	5
Oct. 2	Gideon Moore	78		
Nov. 7	Francis Dane	66	5	16
Nov. 27	James W. Goodridge	62	7	2
Nov. 28	George F. Emmons	86	6	6
Dec. 17	Gertrude Ball Auger	24	6	18
Dec. 20	Donald P. Birtwell	1	6	20

## BROUGHT INTO TOWN

Died					
1922			yrs.	mos.	days
Dec.	31	Wendall P. Burnham	71	8	12
1923					
Jan.	29	Temple Cutler	94	8	25
Feb.	25	Martha Ann Appleton	86	6	10
May	14	Sarah B. Maddocks	71	11	16
Aug.	26	Marilla R. Nason	73	9	18
Sept.	11	Dorothy H. Pitman	2	1	29
Sept.	18	Ruth Annie Swett	74	2	25
Nov.	29	Mary D. Vroom	54	4	3
1924					
Jan.	14	Matilda Tinkham	89		

## REGISTRATION

The Registrars of Voters met for registration of voters as follows:

One meeting at Engine House, So. Hamilton.

Two meetings at Town Hall.

At these meetings 84 voters were registered, divided as follows: Male, 36; Female, 48.

Total registration at close of registration, as follows:

Male 463

Female 372

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Total 835

## DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses were issued as follows:

Male	95	@	\$2.00	\$190 00
Female	38	@	5.00	190 00
Breeders	2	@	50.00	100 00
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Total receipts				\$480 00
Less fees				27 00
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Paid Essex County				\$453 00

## HUNTERS' LICENSES

Combination	46	@	\$2.00	\$92 00
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## HUNTERS' LICENSES

Combination	46 @	\$2.00	\$92 00
Hunting	63 @	1.50	94 50
Fishing	13 @	1.00	13 00
Minors' Trapping	4 @	.25	1 00
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Total receipts			\$200 50
Less fees			18 90
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Paid Division of Fisheries and Game			\$181 60

## OTHER LICENSES

Junk	2 @	\$25.00	\$50 00
Pool	1 @	2.00	2 00
Motor Vehicle Agency	1 @	12.00	12 00
Oleo	3 @	.50	1 50
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Paid Town Treasurer			\$65 50

## TOWN MEETINGS

There were two town meetings in 1923, as follows:

Annual Town Meeting, March 13, 1923.

Special Town Meeting, September 5, 1923.

Special Town Election, April 11, 1923.

(To fill vacancy in Board of Selectmen)

Appropriations at Annual Town Meeting:

From revenue .....\$118,027 05

From Surplus ..... 6,500 00

Appropriations at Special Town Meeting:

From Surplus .....\$7,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,

*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

Value of buildings	\$2,600,090 00	
Value of land	1,463,995 00	
Value of real estate	<hr/>	\$4,064,085 00
Value of personal estate		720,499 00
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Total valuation		\$4,784,584 00
Tax on real estate	\$85,345 84	
Tax on personal estate	15,130 59	
Tax on polls	2,845 00	
Total tax levy	<hr/>	\$103,321 43
Moth assessment		\$1,594 53
Rate per thousand		21 00
Number of horses		228
“ “ cows		161
“ “ neat cattle		28
“ “ swine		29
“ “ fowl		3,285
“ “ dwellings		855
“ “ acres of land		8,740
“ “ residents on property		753
“ “ all others		65
“ “ polls only		11
“ “ persons assessed		1,346

## EXPENDITURES

Town appropriations, annual	\$118,027 05	
Town appropriations, special	2,500 00	
State tax	9,240 00	
State highway tax	739 24	
State audit	310 16	
County tax	8,742 66	
Overlay	2,783 62	
Total expenditures	<hr/>	\$142,342 73

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income tax, general	\$22,439 80	
Income tax, school	3,530 00	
Corporation tax, business	11,000 00	
Corporation tax, business	50 00	
Street railway tax	40 00	
Bank tax	600 00	
Licenses	51 50	
District court fines	10 00	
Special moth assesment	1,500 00	
General government	40 00	
Protection of life and property	150 00	
Health and sanitation	250 00	
Charities	117 00	
Soldiers' benefits	120 00	
Schools	100 00	
Libraries	25 00	
Interest on deposits	200 00	
Interest on taxes	500 00	
Public service enterprises	5 00	
Total estimated receipts	<hr/>	\$40,728 30

## SUMMARY

Total amount to be raised		\$142,342 73
Total estimated receipts	\$40,728 30	
569 polls @ \$2.00	1,138 00	
Total	<hr/>	41,866 30
Balance, tax on property		\$100,476 43
569 polls @ \$5.00		2,845 00
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Total taxes		\$103,321 43
Moth assessment		1,594 53
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Total commitment		\$104,915 96

## OMITTED DECEMBER ASSESSMENT

Value of buildings	\$2,200 00	
Value of land	750 00	
Value of real estate	<hr/>	\$2,950 00
Value of pesonal estate		1,000 00
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Total		\$3,950 00
Tax on real estate	\$61 95	
Tax on personal estate	21 00	
Tax on 3 polls	15 00	
Total tax December assessment	<hr/>	\$97 95

## PROPERTY EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION

Chap. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 11 of General Laws:

Congregational Church—

Buildings \$6,000 00 land  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre \$700 00

Catholic Society, buildings 10,000 00 land 1 acre 1,600 00

Union Society, buildings 1,500 00 land  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre 500 00

Methodist Episcopal Society—

building 5,000 00 land  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre 800 00

Asbury Grove Association 7,000 00 land 10,000 sq. ft. 600 00

Chap. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 3 of General Laws:

Hamilton House Incorporated—

Personal, \$2,100 00; buildings, \$57,500 00; land, \$2,000 00

Chap. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 12:

Town of Hamilton Cemetery—12 acres, \$6,000 00.

Chap. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 15:

Town of Hamilton, Perpetual Care Funds \$7,391 64

Town of Hamilton, Special Cemetery Fund 180 80

## PROPERTY OF TOWN OF HAMILTON

Town Hall—

Personal, \$4,000; buildings, \$62,000; land 1 acre, \$2,000.

Fire Department—

Personal, \$6,000; buildings, \$4,000; land  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre, \$3,000.

School Department—

Personal, \$6,450; So. School, \$65,000; land 1 acre, \$2,000.

So. School annex, \$5,200; land 1 acre, \$2,000.

West School, \$1,000; land  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre, \$200.

East School, \$27,000; land  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre, \$1,500.

North School, \$1,000; land  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre, \$200.

Center School, \$2,000; land  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre, \$300.

## Libraries—

Personal, \$2,500.

## Parks—

Land 2 acres, \$4,000.

## Sealer of Weights and Measures—

Personal, \$500.

## Police Department—

Personal, \$275.

## Highway Department—

Personal, \$3,600.

## Forest Warden—

Personal, \$100.

## Moth Department—

Personal, \$1,475.

Number of women listed	566
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Number of automobiles assessed	255
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Number of persons liable to military duty	281
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*AbateMENTS*

Number of soldiers abated @ \$3.00 each	49
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Number of polls abated @ \$5.00 each	11
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Amount of taxes on real and personal estate abated:

Levy of 1921, \$26.60; levy of 1922, \$26.86; levy of 1923, \$958.00

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,

GEORGE M. ADAMS,

GEORGE E. SAFFORD,

*Assessors of Hamilton.*

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

*Gentlemen* I wish to submit my annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1923.

Whole number of arrests during the year, 50, divided as follows:

Male	50
Adults	43
Minors	7
Native born	43
Foreign born	7
Residents	9
Non-residents	41

### OFFENCES

Assault	1
Drunkenness	25
Larceny	5
Violation of liquor law	2
Arrested for Boston & Maine Railroad	2
Violation of automobile law	11
Violation of game laws	2
Non-support	2

### DISPOSITION

Turned over to Boston & Maine R. R. police	2
Fined and paid	29
Sentenced to 6 months in jail (released on bail)	1
Released	17

## SUPERIOR COURT

Cases on docket

2

## ARRESTS MADE BY OFFICERS

Arthur Southwick	17
Robert R. Fifield	11
Fred A. Saunders	4
Alvin L. Perley	5
Alfred T. Poole	4
Fred F. Stillings	3
Frank Dever	5
Oscar A. Wood	1

## OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE AT COURT

Arthur Southwick	29
Frank Dever	5
Robert R. Fifield	10
Fred A. Saunders	7
Fred F. Stillings	3
Alvin L. Perley	3
Alfred T. Poole	7
Oscar A. Wood	3

## COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED

Arthur Southwick	112
Frank Dever	30
Robert R. Fifield	35
George H. Haraden	5
Fred A. Saunders	24
Fred F. Stillings	1
Charles H. Smith	2
Alfred T. Poole	10
Oscar A. Wood	4
Alvin L. Perley	39

AUTOMOBILE LICENSES AND REGISTRATION REVOKED OR SUSPENDED  
DURING YEAR 1923

Licenses suspended	3
Licenses revoked	3
Registration certificates revoked	5

HOURS OF DUTY PERFORMED BY OFFICERS

Arthur Southwick	947
Frank Dever	379
Fred A. Saunders	432
Alvin L. Perley	354
Alfred T. Poole	148
George H. Haraden	150
Fred F. Stillings	126
Oscar A. Wood	116
Robert R. Fifield	117
W. F. Dodge	49
L. S. Dodge	0
C. H. Smith	0

MISCELLANEOUS

Automobiles reported stolen	7
Automobiles found and recovered	2
Bicycles reported stolen	8
Bicycles found and recovered	2
Other property reported lost or stolen, value about	\$499 00
Other property found and recovered, value about	\$174 00
Complaints received by all officers	280
Complaints investigated	262

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Fires extinguished	5
Buildings found open	2
Disturbances	47
Dogs reported lost	20
Dogs found and returned to owners	8
Dogs killed	4
Children reported lost and found	4
Itinerant persons ordered to leave town:	
Tramps	8
Gypsies	72
Lights reported out	112
Summons served for out-of-town officers	17
Dangerous wires reported or removed	15
Obstructions removed	9
Accidents reported	17
Persons received assistance	17
Police to out-of-town officers, times	16
Police assistance by out-of-town officers, times	3
Court attendance	67
Report to Department of Correction	1
Report to Highway Commission	7
Letters, postal cards and notices sent out, about	51
Letters, postal cards and notices received, about	273
Persons held on suspicion	7
Report to Prison Commission	1

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK,

*Chief of Police.*

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Since last Town Meeting a change has been made in the Superintendent. Mr. Haraden resigned and William G. McKay was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The seven hundred and fifty dollars appropriated was used in the general cemetery work. We recommend an appropriation of \$800.00

Two years ago the Commission created a special cemetery fund by investing the proceeds from the sale of lots and graves, the income to be used in the care of neglected lots or any general cemetery work. \$500.00 was added to the fund this year, making the total fund to date \$680.00.

●Mrs. Alice A. Meyer, in memory of her husband, George von L. Meyer, very generously improved the front of the cemetery, for which, in behalf of the Town, the Commission extend their appreciation and thanks. There is still some work to be done in the spring.

We wish at this time to call the attention of lot owners to the importance of endowing the same so that you may be sure that your lot will be cared for after death.

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,  
FRANCIS C. NORTON  
ADALIZA C. ROBERTS,

*Cemetery Commissioners.*

## REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

*Hamilton, February 11, 1924.*

*To the Selectmen of the Town of Hamilton:*

*Dear Sir:* The following is the report of the Park Commissioners for the year 1923.

During the past year Central Park has been mowed from the street to the pond and the brush cut also.

New seats have been placed in the park and the public has used them to some extent.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL,

EDWARD A. DEWITT,

*Park Commissioners.*

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

*To the Citizens of Hamilton:*

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report for the year 1923:

The book circulation of the Hamilton Public Library for the past year was 17,272, of which 12,900 books were issued from the Branch Library at South Hamilton, and 4372 books were issued from the Main Library at the Town Hall. This circulation was distributed among 824 card holders, practically fifty per cent. of the population of the Town, and reflects an average reading of over ten books a year for every man, woman and child in the Town, an unusually high standard compared with most towns.

The rearrangement and classification of the non-fiction books under the Dewey system have been completed, so that those interested in History, Science, Travel, etc., may easily find what they seek by consulting the card system of the subject in which they may be interested. The books of fiction have been rearranged and classified alphabetically by authors in accord with the system approved by the American Library Association and now in vogue in all the leading libraries. Under this cataloguing system, a reader has only to turn to the author's name he or she may have in mind in order to find a complete list of that author's work.

By having our librarian and an assistant do this rearranging and classifying work, we were able to accomplish the same for about \$200.00, as against an estimated cost of \$700.00 submitted to us by an agent of the State Board of Education to whom such work has been assigned.

The Massachusetts Board of Free Public Library Commission-

ers offers a reading certificate to any child who reads and reports on five books for his or her grade, that grade next below or that grade next above, on lists of books for the first eight grades to create in the child a desire for extensive reading and at the same time furnish an incentive therefor. The State Certificate Reading List has been issued by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Trustees hope to have all these books at the disposal of the children of the Town by March 1. In many places the intention is to give diplomas to children who will be able to show the highest reading percentage of the maximum requirements. It is hoped by the Trustees that the parents will co-operate in fostering and encouraging such reading by the children, and the Trustees venture to suggest to the Superintendent of Schools that some method of marking might be evolved whereby the children should be given additional marks in their school course for such reading as is contemplated by this system under the heading of "outside work."

The Trustees are desirous of introducing the "Story Hour" in both branches, whereby at regular intervals talks to the children upon some interesting and instructive topic of History, Science or Literature may be given by the mothers and teachers and thereby mould the mind of the child at the time when it is most plastic.

Such new equipment as has been necessary during the year has been installed, and it is hoped that all reasonable demands of readers have been met. As ever, the Trustees invite the advice and co-operation of all that may in any way tend to perfect the conditions and elevate the standard of the library.

The Trustees kept within their appropriation for the year and had an unexpended balance of approximately \$240.00. For the coming year they recommend the appropriation of \$2500.00.

The Chairman of the Trustees believes that the time is ripe for having a real reading room at the Town Hall, and has had inserted an article in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

asking for the use of a room to supply the local needs of the young people of Hamilton Centre for a general reading, social and community room. The past year nearly 5,000 volumes were issued at the Main Library and the space allotted a quarter of a century ago has immeasurably outgrown itself and is lamentably unsuitable and inadequate for a reading room and place of distribution of books at the same time.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. WALSH, *Chairman*,

ARTHUR W. CHANDLER,

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

*To the Trustees of the Public Library:*

*Gentlemen:* Herewith is submitted my fourth annual report as Librarian.

During the year 647 books were added to the library. This is the largest number added in a year since the establishment of the library in July, 1891. We received a gift of about 400 books from Mr. Reginald Robbins, a former trustee. These are mostly works of non-fiction and are being catalogued under their different classes.

In November work was started on rearranging and reclassifying the books at the Main Library. This is a work that has needed to be done for some time. All works of non-fiction have been re-catalogued according to the American Library Association catalogues. All our books of biography have been rearranged, giving us one extra stack for non-fiction.

All books of fiction have been put on the shelves alphabetically, by authors, instead of by numbers, all works of one author being together. This will make it easier for borrowers using the open shelves. Our children's books have been moved outside, into the reading room, to the shelves formerly occupied by the magazines.

Our card catalogues have been cleared of all old cards, the books listed on same being worn out or discarded. Card guides have been inserted, keeping each letter separate. This will be a great help to users of our card catalogues.

The total number of borrowers was 824 at the end of 1923, listed as follows—516 at the Branch and 308 at the Main Library. 70 new names were added at the Branch and 67 at the Main Library, a total of 137.

The total circulation was 17,272, distributed as follows: at the Branch, 12,900; at the Main Library, 4,041; a gain over 1922 of 695. Average per borrower of 21 books a year.

Total amount of fines collected and money received for sale of old books and magazines was \$66.94, as follows—Main Library, \$39.87, the Branch, \$27.07.

The Branch Library is open Tuesday and Friday, the Main Library Wednesday and Saturday, 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA L. HARADEN,

*Librarian.*

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

*Gentlemen:* We wish to submit to you the Ninth Annual Report of the Board of Engineers, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

DATE	OWNER	STREET	DIST. No.	NATURE OF FIRE
Mar. 1	A. Rowe	Bridge	12	Building
Mar. 7	R. Sanford	Railroad Ave.	21	Chimney
Mar. 30	B. & M. R. R.	Essex Div.	23	Grass
Mar. 31	Fred Stillings	Bridge	14	Chimney
Apr. 6	F. R. Appleton	Farms Road	34	Brush
Apr. 7	B. & M. R. R.	Essex Div.	13	Grass
Apr. 11	B. & M. R. R.	Essex Div.	16	Grass
Apr. 13	B. & M. R. R.	near Main St.	21	Section House
Apr. 14	Marilla Nason	Asbury	Still	Grass
Apr. 17	F. R. Appleton	Farms Rd.	25	Grass
Apr. 19	Town of Hamilton	Union	21	Grass
Apr. 26	Mrs. Philip Saulnier	Maple	21	Chimney
May 5	Richard Smith	Union	Still	Grass
May 12	Harry Morgan	Main	23	Automobile
May 25	A. C. Burrage, Jr.	Main	21	Grass
May 29	C. E. Whipple	Essex	13	Garage
June 15	G. D. Smith	—	Still	Town Dump
June 23	John King	Walnut	21	Oil Stove
June 25	A. Whipple Estate	Main	24	Grass
July 4	George Adams	Highland	34	House
July 5	William A. Caldwell	Highland	31	Dump
July 14	Jonathan Brown	Main	21	False Alarm
July 16	George D. Smith	—	Still	Town Dump
Aug. 1	George Johnson	Main	Still	Brush
Aug. 20	T. A. Moynihan	Union	21	Grass
Aug. 20	Mrs. Amos Gould	Idlewood	41	Chimney
Aug. 22	Town of Hamilton	Gardner	24	Brush
Aug. 22	Town of Hamilton	Gardner	24	Brush
Aug. 24	Frank Appleton	Main	Still	Brush
Sept. 19	L. M. Lenard	Lincoln Ave.	31	Grass
Sept. 27	Mary Saulnier	Maple	21	Chimney
Oct. 6	F. H. Prince	Chebacco Rd.	Still	Brush
Oct. 14	Mary C. Burnham	Wenham	—	—
Oct. 14	J. H. Proctor	Gardner	24	Grass
Nov. 2	F. Tree	Mill	21	No Fire
Dec. 7	R. Sanford	Railroad Ave.	Still	Chimney
Dec. 18	A. C. Burrage	Main	21	Grass
Dec. 27	John Crosby	Railroad Ave.	21	Garage

We wish to extend our thanks to everyone who has been of assistance to us in our work during the past year.

C. H. KNOWLES, *Chief Engineer*,  
H. R. MCGREGOR.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE on the Comparative Cost of Schooling Pupils in Hamilton and the New High School at Beverly

## *Citizens Town of Hamilton:*

In compliance with the vote passed at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1923, the committee submit the following report.

Cost of maintaining the Hamilton High School (including the ninth grade of the Junior High School) was as follows for the year ending June 30, 1923:

Salaries of principal, supervisors and teachers	\$10,697 00
Stationery, supplies and other expenses of instruction	718 12
Textbooks	337 64
Janitor service	756 00
Fuel	1,131 44
Miscellaneous expenses	246 83
Repairs, replacement and upkeep	596 69
Promotion of health	250 00
Transportation	1,750 00
Miscellaneous	32 37
	<hr/> \$16,516 09

The above figures are for an average net membership of 83 pupils enrolled in the Senior High School (grades 9, 10, 11, 12).

In grades 10, 11, 12, there was a net average of 60 pupils and to this group of pupils is chargeable \$11,939.34.

Cost per pupil. \$198.99.

## COST OF SCHOOLING AT BEVERLY

The exact tuition rate for schooling pupils at the new high school in Beverly is not available at the time this report goes to print.

Present tuition rate at Beverly is \$90.00 per pupil.

Average cost in the State is \$120.63 per pupil.

Cost of schooling 60 pupils (grades 10, 11, 12) in Beverly, based on a tuition rate of \$115.00, is	\$6,900 00
Cost for transportation of 60 pupils by electric car from Depot Square to Beverly for the school year	\$1,900 00
Total cost for tuition and transportation (cost per pupil \$146.67)	\$8,800 00

## SAVING BY SENDING OF PUPILS TO BEVERLY

Present cost for maintaining Hamilton High School for 60 pupils (1923)	\$11,939 34
Total cost of schooling 60 pupils at Beverly	\$8,800 00
Saving to Town of Hamilton	\$3,139 34
There should be a saving on janitor service, fuel and other supplies for the annex building of approxi- mately	\$1,000 00
The entire saving would therefore amount to	\$4,139 34

To aid in arriving at a conclusion the committee submit the following for your consideration:

It would seem that pupils attending the Beverly High School would have the following advantages not now possible at Hamilton.

Larger variety of courses.

Contact with a larger group of pupils.

More complete equipment for physical and mental development.

There would be the following disadvantages:

Loss to the town of its high school.

Loss to individual on changing from one system to another.

Pupils leaving home at an earlier hour and greater distance to be transported.

Smaller enrolment.

Less individual attention.

More expense to individual pupil.

However, the educators again remind us that the present school building at South Hamilton is entirely inadequate to carry out the school program which we should have for the grades and high school. If the Senior High School is to be continued in Hamilton an up-to-date school building should be provided which would not only care for the immediate needs of the present school but allow for future growth.

The new school building at Beverly probably will not be ready for occupancy before the fall term in the year 1925.

Changes necessary if the Senior High School is given up at Hamilton:

Building—

There would be need of an annex for two grades, preferably the first and second. Grades three to nine, inclusive, which include the Junior High School, could be cared for in the main High School building.

Teachers—

A principal who would devote much of his time to teaching in the Junior High School.

A Manual Training teacher who would also teach other subjects.

A Home Economics teacher for one-half time.

An English and Literature teacher.

A History, Geography and Civics teacher.

A teacher of Mathematics.

Respectfully submitted,

AVON D. BRADEEN,

ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.,

FRANK E. WITHEE,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

### *To the Citizens:*

Contagious diseases reported as follows: scarlet fever, 5; tuberculosis, 2; measles, 6; whooping cough, 3; mumps, 2.

There has been no spread of these diseases. All have been confined to patient afflicted.

Tuberculosis maintenance and cost of our share in hospital at Middleton appears under an article and in the financial reports.

The dump on the Smith property on Hamilton Avenue has been abandoned, owing to complaints in this thickly settled vicinity.

Permission has been obtained from Mr. Moynihan to dump in the swamp at the rear of old playground. The new place is out of the way and suitable signs will be placed along the wood road to enable folks to find it. The rubbish collections at regular intervals of twice a month have been continued.

The use of this service has been general and greatly assists in the good appearance of our Town.

We wish to thank the doctors and district nurse for their hearty co-operation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER A. PORTER,

AVON D. BRADEEN,

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,

*Board of Health.*

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR

The Overseers of Poor are pleased to report that the expenditures for charities in the year 1923 were much smaller than for several years.

The total payments for the year for relief furnished by the Town and for relief furnished by other cities and towns to persons having settlement in this town, also for Mother's Aid was \$2,245.15. The detail of the expenditures will be found in the Accountant's Report. There was refunded to the Town \$202.50 for aid furnished to persons whose settlement was elsewhere, thereby making the net cost for charities \$2,042.65.

All applications for aid have been investigated and if relief has been justified it has been granted.

The balance of the appropriation unexpended (\$1,754.85) has been added to the surplus of the Town.

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,  
AVON D. BRADEEN,  
CHESTER A. FOSTER,

*Overseers of Poor.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### *Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

Following the regular and special elections in the year 1923, the Board organized as follows:

Avon D. Bradeen, Chairman Board of Selectmen.

Arthur C. Cummings, Chairman Overseers of Poor.

Chester A. Foster, Chairman Board of Health.

Notable changes in various departments was the appointment of William E. Townsend, Superintendent of Streets; Chester H. Knowles and Robert Robertson, Jr., new members of the Board of Fire Engineers; and Arthur Southwick, Chief of Police.

At the suggestion of the Superintendent of Streets it was decided to purchase a one-ton Ford truck, a cement mixer and various small tools, shovels, rakes, etc., for the use of the department.

The work on the streets was started at once, and we believe was continued throughout the year in an efficient and economical manner.

The special work ordered by a vote of the town was as follows: Drainage of Maple Street. An engineer was secured and it was found necessary to re-grade the street and construct a new sidewalk on the northerly side. Hearing was held which was attended by the abutters who agreed and co-operated in the project. A very solid and lasting foundation was constructed with the macadam material removed from the Main Street and given to the Town by the State. Both side-walks were top-coated with rock dust, greatly improving the **appearance of the street**. Also the Electric Light and Telephone Companies set one new joint line of poles to replace the two irregular sets of poles formerly in use. These changes

correct the poor drainage and improve the street generally to the satisfaction of the residents.

It was voted by the Town to build a sidewalk on Main Street commencing at Asbury Street and continuing as far as one thousand dollars would permit. After studying sidewalk construction in Manchester, Danvers and Peabody it was concluded at a hearing with the maker of the motion to regrade with cinders, applying a coat of oil to destroy weeds and grass and finish with a heavy rolled surface of rock dust. This kind of construction was extended as far as money would permit.

It was thought wise to continue the use of the same kind of material for the sidewalk repairs on Asbury Street, the use of which has received favorable comment.

The drainage at the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Union Street voted for by the Town has been completed. One catch basin constructed and connected with the other three from which a fifteen-inch pipe was run to the swamp about 1000 feet distance. A cement header was constructed at the outlet on the property of George Smith, who kindly consented with the other abutters of the swamp to aid the Town in this improvement.

Two carloads and two auto truck loads of oil was applied to the streets of Hamilton where it was most needed.

With the assistance of our Representative, Mr. Robert B. Walsh, the Selectmen were able to secure a Mack truck and snow plow from the State Department of Public Works for use in snow removal and general highway work. This has reduced the snow expense. The citizens can observe the efficiency of this machine.

At the request of abutters for street lines the block bounded by Main, Linden, Union Streets, and Railroad Avenue and the cross streets were surveyed. Bound stones are set and plans will be filed at the Town Hall for the information of the property owners.

There has been more or less agitation from time to time to

construct some permanent highway. The Selectmen and Superintendent of Streets have been negotiating with the County and State for financial aid. We are now able to place before the Town for consideration a proposition to build a section of bituminous macadam highway contingent upon financial assistance being granted by the County, State, or both.

The Fire Department have harmoniously continued the protection of property. Alarms have been responded to promptly and fire loss has been small.

There has been established a room in the Seahill block in Depot Square for the use of the Police Department which proves to be a convenience to the public who have complaints to make. The department has performed their duties in an efficient manner.

We wish to thank all departments for their co-operation, and are pleased to report an unexpended balance of all appropriations totaling \$4,683.57.

Respectfully submitted,

AVON D. BRADEEN, *Chairman*,  
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,  
CHESTER A. FOSTER,

*Board of Selectmen.*

## WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

*Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of  
Hamilton,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the eleventh (11th) day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four (1924) at fifteen minutes before six in the forenoon (5.45 o'clock a. m.) then and there to act on Article 1.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your ballots for:

Moderator, for one year.

Town Clerk, for one year.

Three Selectmen, for one year.

Overseers of Poor, and Board of Health, three for one year.

One Assessor, for three years.

Treasurer, for one year.

Tax Collector, for one year.

Tree Warden, for one year.

Three Constables, for one year.

One Library Trustee, for three years.

One Cemetery Commissioner, for three years.

One Park Commissioner, for three years.

One member of the School Committee, for three years.

One Surveyor of Highways, for one year.

And to vote on the following:

Shall license be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages? Yes or No.

All on one ballot.

The polls will open at fifteen minutes before six in the morning (5.45 a. m.) and will close at four o'clock in the afternoon (4 o'clock p. m.).

After the closing of the polls the meeting will be adjourned to Tuesday, the eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four (March 18, 1924) at eight o'clock in the evening (8 o'clock p. m.), then and there to act on the remaining articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 2. To choose and appoint all other town officers in such manner as the town shall determine.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the town officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other committees and take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate money for the repairs of highways, town ways and bridges and all town expenses and determine the manner of expending the same.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will lay a drain on Union Street from Railroad Avenue to Hamilton Avenue and appropriate a sum of money for same as petitioned for by Harry R. McGregor and others.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to grade the existing sidewalks on Walnut Street and appropriate a sum of money for same as petitioned for by Edward L. McGarry and others.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to grade and resurface Arlington Street and the sidewalks thereon and appropriate a sum of money for same as petitioned for by Haven L. Berry and others.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will construct a sidewalk on the Northerly side of Linden Street from Elliott Steet to Home Street (about 200 feet) also a sidewalk on the Easterly side of Home Street from Railroad Avenue to Linden Street (about 250 feet) and appropriate a sum of money for same as petitioned for by James J. Hughes and others.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will grade and gravel Park Street and build a sidewalk on the Northerly side and appropriate a sum of money for same as petitioned for by Mary M. Jeddrie and others.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will grade and resurface Miles River Road and appropriate a sum of money for same as petitioned for by Raymond L. Whitman and others.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to install six additional street lights on Miles River Road and appropriate a sum of money for same as petitioned for by Raymond L. Whitman and others.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light at the junction of Highland and Asbury Streets (in front of Peatfield's store) and appropriate a sum of money for same as petitioned for by Ellsworth S. Adams and others.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to install two additional street lights on Highland Street between Goodhue Street and Waldingfield Road, and appropriate a sum of money for same.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Hamilton as follows:

To insert after Section 6 of Chapter 2 the following section: "Section 6a. No money shall be appropriated from the Excess and Deficiency Fund at a Special Town Meeting except by a two thirds vote of the voters present and voting;" as petitioned for by George H. Gibney and others.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Hamilton by striking out Section 1, of Chapter 1, and inserting the following section: "Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in March.

The polls shall be open at 5.45 o'clock a. m. and shall remain open until 1 o'clock p. m. After the closing of the polls the remaining articles of the warrant shall be acted upon." As petitioned for by Edward A. DeWitt and others.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote an appropriation to pay the assessment levied by the County Commissioners of Essex County under Chapter 429 of the Acts of 1923 for the Tuberculosis Hospital in Middleton and provide for raising the means therefor, by issuing bonds or otherwise, as the Town may determine.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to permit the Trustees of the Public Library to use one of the rooms in the Town Hall for a public reading, recreation and Community room, or take any action thereon and appropriate a sum of money therefor, as petitioned for by Robert B. Walsh.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to have the office of the Tax Collector at the Town Hall or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to renew the street lighting contract.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will purchase a new combination motor pumping apparatus, to replace the present slow and inefficient piece now in use, and appropriate a sum of money therefor or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for the use of the Augustus P. Gardner Post No. 194 of the American Legion as petitioned for by Finlay D. MacDonald and others.

ARTICLE 22. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to ascertain the cost per pupil in the Hamilton High School, also the cost of tuition in the Beverly High School, also the cost of transportation, etc., and take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to build a piece of bituminous macadam highway and appropriate a sum of money for same or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, 1925, in anticipation of the revenue of said municipal year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from revenue of said municipal year.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will authorize the collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 26. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at each of the three postoffices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 11th day of February, A. D. 1924.

CHESTER A. FOSTER.

AVON D. BRADEEN,

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS.

*Selectmen of Hamilton.*

## LIST OF JURORS 1924

William E. Townsend, Willow Street, Superintendent of Streets.  
Rodney H. Adams, Highland Street, farmer.  
Frank Dane, Moulton Street, foreman.  
Charles A. Smerage, Rust Street, R. R. Conductor.  
John E. Cox, Main Street, foreman.  
Roscoe Caverly, Gardner Street, merchant.  
Fred A. Saunders, Railroad Avenue, collector.  
Oscar A. Wood, Bridge Street, carpenter.  
Daniel P. McGinley, Park Street, machinist.  
Otho L. Charles, Plum Street, chauffeur.  
Frank J. Butron, Linden Street, carpenter.  
Thomas W. Green, Washington Avenue, laborer.  
George F. Cross, Walnut Street, carpenter.  
Robert H. Chittick, Jr., Asbury Street, machinist.  
Victor W. Daley, Main Street, telephone inspector.  
Samuel G. Goodhue, Asbury Street, real estate.  
Bayard Tuckerman, Asbury Street, insurance.  
Edward A. DeWitt, Essex Street, chauffeur.  
Foster E. Tappan, Goodhue Street, farmer.  
Walter E. Cheever, Knowlton Street, farmer.

TOWN OF HAMILTON

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REPORT

OF THE

Finance and Advisory Committee

ON THE

Appropriations and Articles

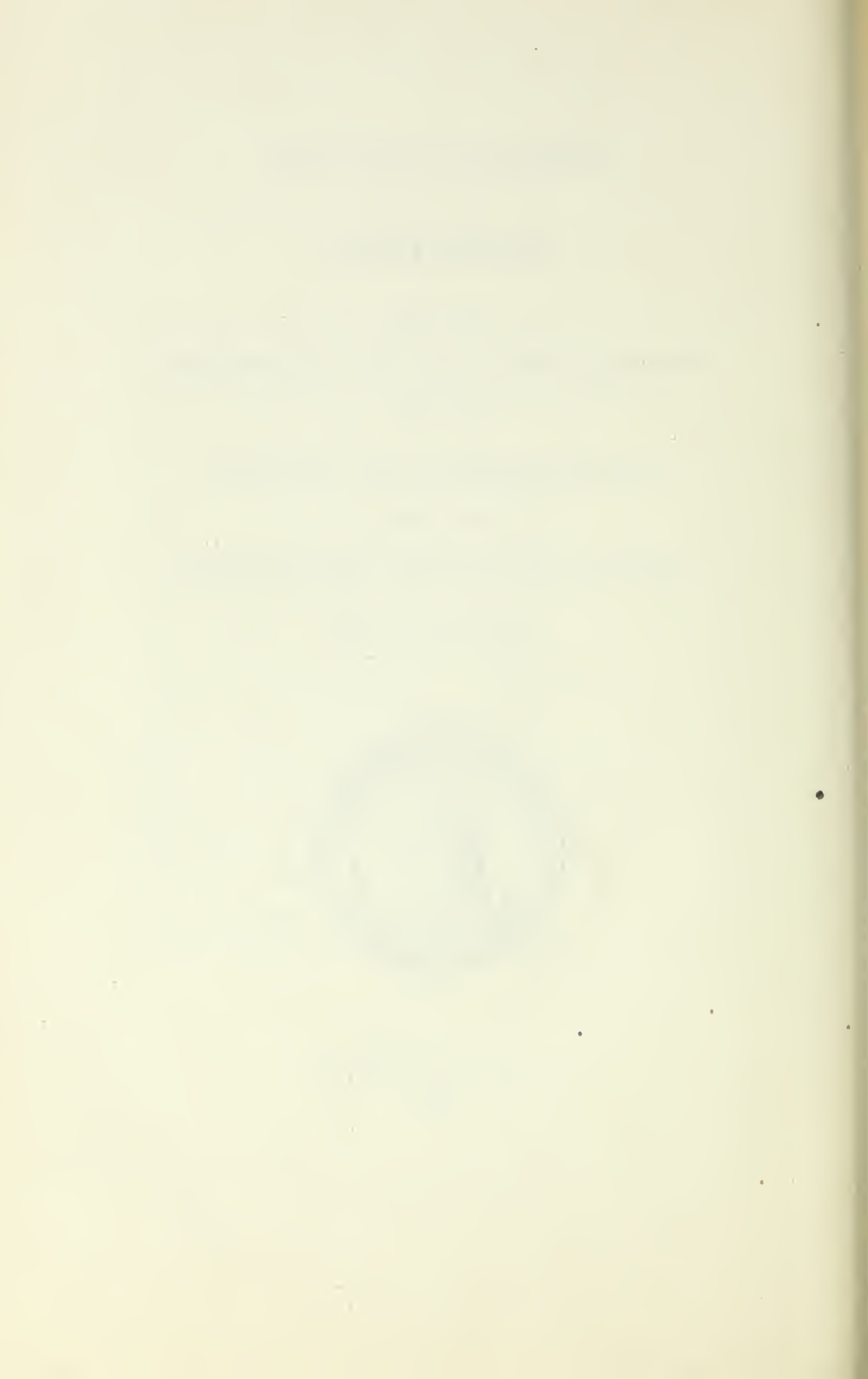
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 11, 1924



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## REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

Your committee have examined the financial needs for the maintenance of the various departments of the Town, and to provide for the payment of principal and interest due on bonds and notes for the fiscal year; and have also investigated all requests calling for the appropriation of money in the various articles of the Town Warrant; and after careful consideration, we make the recommendations given below in this report.

During the past year your committee have transferred from the Reserve Fund \$1,086.47 to the various departments, which you may find itemized in the Town Accountant's report.

We wish at this time to congratulate all departments for the manner in which they have conducted the business of the Town; in all cases, transfers were asked for before the appropriation was exhausted; and reasons for so doing were clearly stated and transfer was for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

### REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 4

The various departmental recommendations we believe are fair and reasonable. Therefore, we have approved each item as called for.

### SCHOOLS

The School Board has respectfully asked for a raise of \$2400 over the appropriation of 1923. This we have considered very carefully. The reasons given for asking for this amount are to

carry out the idea of remodelling the Center School, as was requested in 1923, the appropriation for same being inadequate to complete the alterations; also, there are some needed repairs on the various school buildings and grounds which, if constructed, will require the additional amount asked for.

#### ARTICLE 4.

Under Article 4, salaries and fees for each department, as well as expenses, are included in the appropriation for said department. A complete list of salaries and fees recommended is given on the page following the list of these department appropriations.

To raise and appropriate money for:

	<i>Appropriated</i> 1923	<i>Called for</i> 1924	<i>Recommend- ed</i> 1924
Street lighting	\$6,500 00	\$6,600 00	\$6,600 00
Highway	15,000 00	15,000 00	15,000 00
Poor Department	4,000 00	4,000 00	4,000 00
State Aid	300 00	300 00	300 00
Soldiers' relief and military aid	400 00	300 00	300 00
Town Hall	1,700 00	1,700 00	1,700 00
Town Hall insurance		1,100 00	1,100 00
Fire Department	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00
Cemetery	750 00	800 00	800 00
Park Commission	100 00	100 00	100 00
Tree Warden	800 00	800 00	800 00
Selectmen	1,100 00	1,100 00	1,100 00
Assessors	1,400 00	2,000 00	2,000 00
Treasurer	900 00	900 00	900 00
Collector	800 00	800 00	800 00
Accounting	1,100 00	1,100 00	1,100 00
Town Clerk	550 00	500 00	550 00
Police	1,500 00	2,200 00	2,200 00

	<i>Appropriated</i> 1923	<i>Called for</i> 1924	<i>Recommended</i> 1924
Snow removal	18,000 00		
Finance Committee	25 00	25 00	25 00
Board of Health	1,000 00		
Reserve	492 60	1,600 00	1,600 00
Printing Town Reports	350 00	350 00	350 00
Brown-tail and gypsy moth work	4,700 00	4,700 00	4,700 00
Memorial Day	200 00		
Reserve fund	14 50	200 00	200 00
	<hr/> 214 50		
Schoolhouse loan	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
Interest	2,500 00	2,700 00	2,700 00
Boiler insurance	70 00	50 00	50 00
Schools	45,480 00		
Dog tax	331 94		
	<hr/> 45,811 94	47,880 00	47,880 00
Industrial School	700 00	500 00	500 00
Schoolhouse insurance	1,830 00	450 00	450 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	150 00		
Reserve	20 96		
	<hr/> 170 96	300 00	300 00

	<i>Appropriated</i> 1923	<i>Called for</i> 1924	<i>Recommended</i> 1924
Election and registration	675 00		
Reserve	75 00		
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	\$750 00	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
Moderator	50 00	50 00	50 00
Legal expenses	200 00	200 00	200 00
Certifying Town notes	20 00	20 00	20 00
Cattle inspector	75 00	75 00	75 00
Town clock	50 00		
Reserve	120 00		
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	170 00	50 00	50 00
Public Library	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00
Forest Fire Warden	65 00		
Reserve	85 26		
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	150 26	65 00	65 00
Reserve fund:			
Carried over	459 79		
Appropriation	3,000 00		
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	3,459 79	500 00	500 00

MEMORANDUM OF SALARIES AND FEES INCLUDED IN FOREGOING  
APPROPRIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 4

Selectmen, Chairman	\$350 00	Board of Health,	
Second member	250 00	Chairman	50 00
Third member	250 00	Second member	25 00
Treasurer	750 00	Third member	25 00
Collector	500 00	Moderator, \$10 per	
Town Clerk	400 00	meeting	50 00
Allowance and ex-		Sealer	75 00
penses and fees	150 00	Forest Fire Warden	10 00
Town Accountant	1,000 00	Allowance for fees	
Town Counsel	200 00	of Cattle Inspector	75 00
		Assessors, per day	5 00

Surveyor of Highways, \$6.00 per day for every day that he performs his duty.

ARTICLE 5.

Petition of Harry R. McGregor and others.

No action necessary.

ARTICLE 6.

Petition of Edward L. McGarry and others.

No action necessary.

ARTICLE 7.

Petition of Haven L. Berry and others.

No action necessary.

ARTICLE 8.

Petition of James J. Hughes and others.

No action necessary.

ARTICLE 9.

Petition of Mary M. Jeddrie and others.

No action necessary.

We recommend that Articles 6, 7, 8 and 9 be considered under one head. That a sum of money be appropriated and the work carried out by the Surveyor of Highways under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10.

Petition of Raymond L. Whitman and others.

No action necessary.

ARTICLE 11.

Petition of Raymond L. Whitman and others.

ARTICLE 12.

Petition of Ellsworth S. Adams and others.

ARTICLE 13.

Additional street lights to be placed on Highland Street.

We recommend that Articles 11, 12 and 13 be considered as one article and that the appropriation for these articles be taken from the street lighting appropriation.

ARTICLE 14.

Amendment of the By-laws of the Town, petitioned for by George H. Gibney.

No action necessary.

ARTICLE 15.

Amendment of the By-laws of the Town, as petitioned for by Edward A. DeWitt and others.

No action necessary.

ARTICLE 16.

No action necessary.

ARTICLE 17.

Petition of Robert B. Walsh.

We recommend that action as called for be taken and that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

## ARTICLE 18.

No action necessary.

## ARTICLE 19.

No action necessary.

## ARTICLE 20.

Purchase of new motor pumping apparatus.

No action necessary.

## ARTICLE 21.

Petition of the A. P. Gardner Post of the American Legion.

Called for by Article, \$250.00. Recommended, \$250.00.

## ARTICLE 22.

No action necessary.

## ARTICLE 23.

No action necessary.

## ARTICLE 24.

Borrowing after January 1, 1925, in anticipation of taxes.

We recommend authorizing the Treasurer to borrow, as set forth in this article of the Warrant.

## ARTICLE 25.

Collection of taxes.

Recommended.

Total of appropriations recommended

\$104,215 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. WITHEE, *Chairman,*

LESTER E. McGARRY, *Clerk,*

PERCIVAL W. BURTON,

GEORGE vonL. MEYER,

*Finance and Advisory Committee,*

*Town of Hamilton.*



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF HAMILTON  
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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*To the School Committee of Hamilton:*

*Madam and Gentlemen:* I have the honor to present herewith my first annual report of the schools of Hamilton.

The world and national conditions at the present time constitute a challenge to all institutions and especially to the educational institutions of which the public schools are a large part. So much prejudice, snap judgment and unreasoning mob activity menace all institutions that it behooves the schools to develop a high standard of intelligence as a foundation for judgment and action. To quote from Dr. Bagley, one of the foremost educators in our country: "The development of democracy has been unquestionably towards the elevation of the common man to a position of supreme collective control. It is now as it has never been before, a race between education and annihilation. If education is to save civilization, it must lift the common man to new levels and not so much to new levels of industrial efficiency as to new levels of thinking and feeling."

Every school system worthy of public support should accept this challenge. Neither taxpayer nor teacher should regret the opportunity of working for and with the boys and girls to train them to think straight, to glorify work and attain a type of leadership in which all people may find satisfaction, peace and confidence.

The ideals and objectives of education seem to be well established in the minds of those who are associated together for the training of the youth of our country.

May I quote the purpose of education in a democracy from the National Educational Association, "So to organize society that

each member may develop his personality primarily through activities designed for the well-being of his fellow-members and of society as a whole. Education in a democracy, both within and without the school, should develop in each individual the knowledge, interests, ideals, habits and powers whereby he will find his place and use that place to shape both himself and society toward ever nobler ends."

A recent report by a committee to outline the Aims in Education states that they should be as follows:

- I Health
- II Command of Fundamental Processes
- III Worthy Home Membership
- IV Vocation.
- V Citizenship
- VI Worthy Use of Leisure Time
- VII Ethical Character

## HEALTH

It is worth while noting that health is placed at the head of the list and undoubtedly will receive much attention during the next few years.

No school system can hope to attain a high standard of efficacy which neglects the health of its school children. All handicaps to health should first be overcome that we may then expect a reasonably high grade of work on the part of the pupils.

The School Committee of this Town has for some time been employing a school physician to conduct the physical examination of pupils. The results of this year's examination will be found elsewhere in this report.

For some time past this Town has co-operated with the Community Nurse Association in providing some funds for the Association for which the Town has had part-time service of the Community Nurse. At the beginning of this school year it seemed

advisable to the Committee to inaugurate a bigger piece of health work than was possible to carry out in the time at the disposal of the Community Nurse for school work.

After considering several candidates for the position Miss Helen E. Purdy, R. N., was secured for the work of School Nurse in the towns of Essex, Hamilton, Lynnfield and Wenham. She devotes two days weekly to the Town of Hamilton and one day weekly to each other town. Miss Purdy is well fitted for this important position and is doing commendable work. I commend her report for your consideration and bespeak for her the co-operation of all parents and others interested in the welfare of the children. It would seem that in this, as in no other branch of school work, those having the work in charge need the fullest co-operation to bring the work up to its highest degree of efficiency.

In addition to the work of the School Physician and School Nurse the following is being done to bring the health of our children up to standard.

Milk is provided for lunch or a warm dish is furnished at noon.

Directed physical exercise in the open air or in class rooms.

Competitive work on playground.

Examinations by specialists for those physically or mentally retarded.

Examination of all children by the School Dentist.

Dental Clinic work is being carried on through co-operation with the Hamilton-Wenham Red Cross.

### FUNDAMENTAL SUBJECTS

From the early establishment of schools much stress has been given to the three R's. From results of daily work and examination reaching the superintendent there yet seems to be a necessity of stressing these subjects.

Several standardized tests in the more important subjects of

the curriculum have been given and will be followed by others after teachers have had sufficient opportunity to profit in their work following the first tests. Thus it will be noted that we are using the tests to learn where we stand in our work, to improve upon the poor work, to bring our schools up to as high a standard of efficiency as possible.

### WORTHY HOME MEMBERSHIP

Worthy Home Membership calls for the development of those qualities that make the individual a worthy member of the family that he may benefit and be benefited thereby. It has a bearing upon their present-day living as well as upon their future. It is said that "Character is determined by our habits and ideals." That our boys and girls may have the right character, it befalls upon every teacher and parent to train them in right habits and ideals. The work is of such a nature that no one agency can do it all and none should shirk its duty.

It is a mistaken idea that "You can earn your living without work if you get an education." We should instill in our pupils' minds the need of an education to make them more profitable members of society. We should not hesitate to require a certain amount of manual work from every school child about the home, for to do so has a tendency to discourage work on his part and thereby leads him to believe that he should substitute education now and hereafter for work.

### VOCATION

All school systems are more and more endeavoring to give attention to pupil guidance whether of an educational or vocational nature. One of the severe criticisms made upon our present-day system of education is that pupils go through the schools without

having decided for what they wish to fit themselves. It is the purpose of our system in so far as possible through regular classes, assemblies and teacher-contact with pupils to guide the pupils in their study to fit them for their particular vocation.

### CITIZENSHIP

In our history and civics classes we seek to develop ideals of good citizenship. It is not sufficient that the pupil simply study such a subject as civics and thereby expect that he will mature into a full-grown citizen at the conclusion of such a course. It is necessary that the pupil assume certain responsibilities which may be for his own personal advantage, for the advantage of his class, school or town. The pupil should be led to feel that he is not always to receive compensation for such services rendered, but that he performs certain services for the group of which he is a member. Whenever the opportunity presents itself for such pupil participation in the school organization we endeavor to give him the opportunity to participate.

### WORTHY USE OF LEISURE TIME

Authorities having made a study of youth and gang instinct have very plainly pointed out the fact that every boy and girl needs wholesome play to counteract the spirit of lawlessness. Our boys and girls are no exception. It is not the child's fault that he finds enjoyment in unwholesome surroundings if he has not been taught otherwise. It is the duty of the school system to so direct the leisure time of the child that he will look for and enjoy wholesome activities within his immediate surroundings.

The teachers are giving their very best efforts to interest the pupils in play activities in and out of school, to interest them in reading of the best literature and to find enjoyment in doing of worth-while things. In this work there is an opportunity for

parental participation in providing suitable stimuli for their boys and girls when not in school. Such stimuli may be either a well-equipped playground or gymnasium; a reading room well supplied with the latest books of reference and current magazines; a well organized and directed social program.

### ETHICAL CULTURE

Our last objection to be considered is the development of a strong ethical character. Our emphasis in this should be of a moral nature which should tend to develop a better class of employers, employees, professional men, artisans and merchants. In teaching the ethics of business life and good citizenship emphasis needs to be laid upon common honesty. Our boys and girls of this generation are no different from those of generations previous, but their surroundings are much different and therefore the demand for a change in methods in shaping the minds of them.

The strong personalities and moral characters of leaders in our community life will train up a generation which will go far in changing the many social problems which are perplexing us in this present generation.

### TEACHERS

At the close of schools in June the following teachers and supervisors resigned:

Principal Elwood S. Fraser (resigned March 1)

Principal Leon M. Orcutt

Mr. Leon J. Weymouth.

Miss Clara M. Waldie

Miss Alice M. Genthner

Miss Catherine D. Larrabee

Miss Clara P. Mann

Miss Mary M. Tierney

Miss Elizabeth H. Foster

At the close of the schools in June Mrs. Beatrice W. Holmes was transferred from the East School to the Junior High School. Although we have been able to fill all the vacancies caused by the above resignations and transfers, there has been a loss to our system such as necessarily happens in such changes in the teaching personnel. We should use every means possible to retain the services of competent teachers inasmuch as the standing of our schools is largely determined by the teachers employed.

### PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHERS

Teaching is a profession which is continually changing its standards and without doubt changes as much if not more than any other in the same period of time.

That our teaching force may be kept up to as high a degree of efficiency as possible it is desirable that we encourage and when necessary require that our teachers take the necessary steps to improve themselves professionally.

Improvement may be obtained as follows: Extended travel, summer school courses, Saturday courses, extension courses, correspondence courses and by extensive reading on definite topics as related to the school work.

It is of interest to note that our teachers have endeavored to improve themselves professionally as follows:

Two teachers took a summer course.

Six teachers took Saturday courses.

Thirteen teachers took extension courses.

Four teachers took correspondence courses.

One teacher has been doing regular college work (part time) during the present year.

The spirit of the teachers in taking this work is very commendable and should be given consideration by the Committee when reappointments are in order.

## SCHOOL SAVINGS

The system of school savings which has been carried on in the schools for several years in co-operation with the Salem Savings Bank was changed at the opening of schools in September. The system previously in use entailed considerable bookkeeping work on the part of the pupils and teachers, which seemed unnecessary. The South School is now equipped with an Automatic Receiving Teller in which pupils deposit their money and obtain stamps of the several denominations to stick in their folders. All school children in town have the opportunity of depositing their money in the bank through this system. The school deposits since January 1, 1923, have amounted to \$553.94.

## EDUCATION WEEK

The following is quoted from the Report of the Commissioner of the Education of the United States: "Education in the United States is controlled by the people and not by the government. Every citizen has a voice in determining what kind of schools we shall have. The people determine in the ultimate analysis how much shall be spent upon the schools, whence the money shall come, what kind of teachers we shall have, etc. Naturally, experts and educators know a great deal more about schools than do the average citizens; but, eventually, we cannot make much sound and permanent progress in the improvement of schools without an intelligent approval and support of public sentiment."

With the above in mind the National Bureau of Education, the National Education Association and the American Legion cooperated in carrying out the following Education Week program: Sunday, December 3, "For God and Country"; Monday, American Citizenship Day; Tuesday, Patriotism Day; Wednesday, School and Teacher Day; Thursday, Illiteracy Day; Friday, Equality of Opportunity Day; Saturday, Physical Education Day. Through

carrying out this program in the schools an attempt was made to focus the minds of the teachers, pupils and school patrons on the needs and objectives of the schools. It is hoped that by the observance of Education Week annually we may secure "a larger and more united effort in behalf of our schools."

### SCHOOL NEEDS

A special appropriation of \$1500.00 made at your last annual meeting for remodelling the Center School proved inadequate to do the work as required by State regulations. To do the work satisfactorily will require an additional appropriation of \$1500.00.

The East School, taught by two teachers, has an enrolment of about fifteen pupils to each teacher. It would seem advisable, with the present great expenses of maintaining the East School, that the North School might well be discontinued and the pupils be transported to the East School. The expense of transportation would not be as great as now for maintaining the school and the pupils would be materially profited as they would be under the instruction of a teacher having but three grades instead of six, as is now the case. The North School building is by no means suitable for use as a school in its present condition.

The High School matter, as relating to the Town of Hamilton, having been referred to a special committee by a resolution at your last Annual Meeting, should receive due consideration following the special report. The voters should decide whether or not the pupils are receiving the type of secondary education they should receive. If they decide they are not they should take steps to provide a suitable secondary school in Town or make arrangements to school the secondary pupils in some adjoining town.

### STATISTICS

In the School Report of 1922 statistics were given to show the standing of Hamilton for school expenditures as compared with

school expenditures of other towns of its population class (Group III) maintaining a high school. It seems advisable to continue giving the statistics annually for comparative purposes.

Expenditures for schools in Massachusetts including repairs, but not new buildings, alterations and permanent repairs.

TABLE I

	<i>State</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Increase over previous year</i>	
			<i>State</i>	<i>Hamilton</i>
1920-21	\$43,638,115.83	\$39,889.66	.16	.23
1921-22	47,876,587.00	40,579.78	.12	.01
1922-23	51,960,445.67	41,666.17	.08	.02

TABLE II

*Valuation per pupil in net average membership*

	<i>Year ending June 30</i>	<i>Rank in</i>
	<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>Group III</i>
1921	\$12,082	14
1922	11,728	17
1923	11,758	16

TABLE III

*Expenditure for school support from local taxation*

<i>year ending December 31,</i>	<i>Rank in</i>	<i>Rate of total</i>	<i>Rank in</i>
<i>per \$1,000 valuation</i>	<i>Group III</i>	<i>tax per \$1,000 valuation</i>	<i>Group III</i>
1920	64	\$16.00	107
1921	81	20.00	97
1922	84	17.00	111

TABLE IV

Expenditures for Support *Exclusive of General Control*

	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Per pupil in average membership</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Per pupil in average. membership</i>
1920-21	\$22,000.92	\$78.57	\$16,726.96	\$211.73
1921-22	24,818.91	81.91	19,376.82	239.22
1922-23	23,378.93	77.16	16,516.09	198.99



In Group III (Towns of 5,000 population or less and maintaining high schools), according to the Annual Report of the Department of Education, it is noted that the Town of Hamilton has been dropping from sixty-fourth place in 1921 in "Expenditures for school support from local taxation per \$1,000 valuation" to eighty-fourth place in 1923. There has been a drop in "Rate of total tax per \$1,000 valuation from the 107th place to the 111th place. In "Expenditures for support exclusive of general control" there has been a drop of \$1.41 per pupil in average membership in grades 1-8 and a drop of \$12.74 per pupil in average membership in grades 9-12 extending over a three-year period.

The question is often asked, "Can we afford to spend so much for education?" Mr. H. G. Wells in "The Outline of History" says, "The essential factor in the organization of a living state, the world is coming to realize, is the organization of an education." The question then naturally arises, "Can we afford not to spend so much for education?"

Massachusetts is dependent upon its educational system to enable her industries to prosper in competition with states having greater natural resources. Therefore, the educational systems throughout the commonwealth should be supported in carrying out an educational program worthy of the state which was a pioneer in providing free public schools.

May I at this time express to the School Committee, the teaching force and patrons of the schools my appreciation for the hearty co-operation in carrying out the educational program for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. WHITTIER,

*Union Superintendent of Schools.*

South Hamilton, Mass.

January 23, 1924.

## REPORT ON SCHOOL SAVINGS

Balance in Salem Savings Bank on January 1, 1923	\$174 34
Deposits, during year 1923	553 94
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Total	\$728 28
Withdrawn during year for deposit to individual accounts	435 82
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Balance in bank to credit of school, January 1, 1924	\$292 46
Total number of depositors as of January, 1924	240

## AGE OF ADMISSION

No child will be admitted to the first grade at the opening of school in September who will not be five years of age by the first day of October.

Pupils are admitted to this grade only during the first two weeks of school in September, unless they have attended school in some other town.

## VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present certificates from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

## SCHOOL CENSUS

As of April, 1923

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Number between five and seven years of age	31	46
Number between seven and fourteen years of age	104	142
Number between fourteen and sixteen years of age	44	26
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Totals	179	214
Total census		393

## SCHOOL REPORT

## TEACHERS' DIRECTORY, JANUARY, 1924

Name	School	Subject or Grade	Salary	Appoint- ment	Education Last School Attended
Howard W. Watson	High Prim.	Sci. & Math.	\$2500	1923	Middlebury College
Florence B. Davey	"	Eng. & Hist.	1200	1922	Trinity College
Catherine Cary	"	French & Latin	1200	1923	Univ. of Maine
Grace E. McGinley	"	Commercial	1350	1921	Salem Normal
Elizabeth C. Horan	"	Commercial	1350	1921	Salem Normal
Daniel W. Lowe	"	Man. Arts	1300	1923	Gorham Normal
Janet L. Spencer	"	House'd Arts	1400	1921	Columbia Univ.
Edna F. Hurlburt, Mrs.	Junior High	Lit. & Hist.	600	1915	Ed. Little High
Hazel E. Ramer, Mrs.	"	Sci. & Geo.	900	1921	Salem Normal
Beatrice W. Holmes, Mrs.	"	Math. & Eng.	1200	1923	Salem Normal
Martha M. Murray, Mrs.	South	Grade 6	1200	1923	Essex High
Margaret M. Batchelder	South	Grade 5	1050	1920	Salem Normal
Marian C. Joseph	South	Grade 4	1050	1921	Salem Normal
Edith I. Fletcher	South	Grade 3	1250	1906	Salem Normal
Marion A. Smith	South	Grade 2	1200	1922	Hamilton High
Nellie G. Cutting	South	Grade 1	1350	1915	Salem Normal
Edith M. Anderson	Center	Grades 1-4	1100	1915	Salem Normal
Clyde J. Potter	East	Grades 4-6	1100	1923	Farmington Normal
Sarah Stevens	East	Grades 1-3	1100	1922	Salem Normal
Blanche E. Leighton, Mrs.	North	Grades 1-6	1100	1922	Salem Normal
Margaret W. Brown	West	Grades 1-6	1000	1923	Towell Normal
Maudie L. Thomas	All	Music	540	1923	Boston University
Madeleine S. Hopkins	All	Drawing	600	1923	Normal Arts
Helen E. Purdy	All	Nurse	600	1923	Mary Fletcher Hosp.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL

*To the Superintendent of Schools, John D. Whittier,*

South Hamilton, Mass.

I respectfully submit to you my report of the Junior-Senior High School for the period ending December 31, 1923.

The school has enrolled 164 pupils, distributed as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Losses</i>
Junior I	14	19	33	1
Junior II	9	23	32	2
Junior III	20	15	35	1
Senior I	11	15	26	2
Senior II	9	16	25	0
Senior III	6	7	13	0
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Totals	69	95	164	6

Losses since September were for the following reasons: moved out of Town, 5; illness, 1.

Retention of pupils during the school year, therefore, is high and to some degree may be considered to measure the success a school attains in supplying the educational needs of a community. A slight re-arrangement of a number of individual programs soon after school started prevented, in part, probable failures which too often result in withdrawal from school.

I have been pleased to note a constantly growing interest on the part of the pupils, as a body, in their school work. It is always a great help to have the student body take an interest in the real work of the school. This would not have been possible

were it not for the fine spirit of loyalty and co-operation which the teachers have shown in their work and in the development of a pleasing, and I hope constantly growing, harmony between the teachers and pupils. The pupils have noted and spoken of a new school spirit and seem vitally interested in the progress of the school as a whole as well as in their individual programs. That their scholastic achievement is improving is proved by the fact that the number of pupils on the first honor roll was nearly doubled when the next ranks were given out.

Investigation has shown that failures have been due to two principal reasons—insufficient home study and excessive absence. Even with three study periods a day it is rarely possible, in either the senior or junior high school, to prepare for the next day's work without study at home. If parents will co-operate in the matter of home study, I am sure that half of our failures can be avoided. Absence in the junior high school, more than any other one factor, is responsible for failures. I am certain that much absence is unnecessary. This being so, the effect is felt not only by the pupils themselves but in the progress of the school as a whole. It is absolutely impossible to properly "make-up" time lost through absence. The class room work, once missed, is forever lost.

There has been a feeling that the junior high pupils have had too many study periods during the day. To remedy this, more time has been assigned to the fundamental subjects, arithmetic and English composition and grammar. The remaining study periods, it should be understood, are, when possible, spent in directed study under the supervision of the teacher. Individual differences are thus recognized and time is spent to better advantage than if the pupils were permitted to study without help or suggestion. It is difficult, however, to make supervised study periods of maximum value, inasmuch as recitations have to be held, in many cases, in

study rooms. This not only makes directed study impossible, but hinders the recitation group as well.

The chief administrative difficulties are due to the necessity of using rooms poorly adapted to some of the vocational studies, and to the fact that the grades are in the same building.

Work in physical education is greatly handicapped by the lack of a gymnasium, but regular work is carried on in the rooms. There is still much to be accomplished in the way of corrective exercises and better posture. Beginning this year diploma credit for satisfactory work in physical education will be required.

The work of the School Nurse has been thorough. Organization was begun at the bottom and the program to be carried out will be of the greatest benefit to the children, though its success is largely dependent on home co-operation. The nurse has regular classes in the Junior High School on hygiene and nutrition. I hope that it will be possible to introduce, in the second semester, a course in home nursing for high school girls.

I am glad to record a growing interest in the work of the college preparatory curriculum. Pupils in the upper classes of this group are attacking their work with seriousness and faithfulness. Every member of the junior and senior classes is assigned to some teacher or to the principal for a discussion of, and, if possible, the early determination of post high school study. By this means we hope to steer pupils toward goals suited to them and to so arrange individual schedules that entrance to college and normal school will be easy.

The distribution of subjects among teachers is with a few exceptions according to their major subjects, the exceptions being in the Junior High School. The teachers are all heavily loaded and even free periods are spent in supervised study work. An extra teacher would help greatly in a better division of work and efficiency in teaching. Heretofore, the drawing teacher has taken a few classes, but this year the arrangement was impossible and

the work had to be distributed among several teachers.

The interest in the schools of many parents and townspeople was manifested when a number of them attended the evening session of the Junior-Senior High School. Classes were held just as they would have been held on any day and parents were thus enabled to see the school in actual operation. Parents who visit the schools on no other day in the year should, I feel, make a special effort to attend the annual evening session. By this means we hope to bring closer to the realization of the public the needs and the purposes of our schools. It is inevitable too that from them will come more helpful criticism, yet greater support.

The social and extra-curriculum activities of the school have been limited and carefully supervised. The apparent decrease of home responsibility today makes it incumbent upon the school to furnish means by which the boys and girls may have proper recreation and thus be discouraged from spending time on the streets.

The Glee Club, under the direction of the Supervisor of Music is making progress and there has been a great interest in, and good work accomplished by the school orchestra, organized a few months ago. The Junior High paper is being issued in newspaper form. It is printed in the school by the pupils themselves. The Senior High magazine has been started after a lapse of five years. Basketball is especially popular, though handicapped for financial reasons. In the spring time will be given to track activities and to baseball. Debates for the winter have been arranged with Topsfield, Essex and Wenham. It is unfortunate that more time in the regular schedule cannot be given to debating. I look forward to the formation of an alumni association before the end of the year. I cannot but commend those teachers who have put much extra time and hard work on extra-curriculum activities.

In closing, I wish to thank the Superintendent and the School Committee for their assistance and support.

HOWARD W. WATSON,  
*Principal.*

## REPORT OF DRAWING SUPERVISOR

*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

*Dear Sir:* The drawing course this year has been carried out along definite lines with a definite aim in view, namely:

Objective: My aim in teaching art in the schools is to stimulate a keen sense of observation for beauty by appreciating the forms and color in nature and art; to improve house furnishings, furniture, and dress, and to teach pupils to appreciate the beautiful things of life as well as to use art as a means of expressing themselves freely. This may be accomplished by the following outline:

Representation: Making pictures, general shapes, perspective and position of the parts of the body. (Nature drawing included.)

Design:

- A To recognize the laws of order in nature and art.
- B Lettering.
- C Color.

Construction: To develop the habits of—

- A Creating in material.
- B Accuracy.
- C Hand skill.
- D Following directions.

The work has so far gone along very successfully. It is a great pleasure to deal with pupils who manifest such an interest in their work. In the first and second grades the pupils like it so much that it is certainly encouraging to work with them. The third and fourth grades as a rule are extremely interested and they are willing to try anything. If the problem is of interest to the fifth and sixth grades they will co-operate in the work.

In closing, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to teachers, pupils and school officials for their co-operation in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

MADELEINE S. HOPKINS,

*Supervisor of Drawing.*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

*Dear Sir:* I herewith submit my annual report for the Town of Hamilton.

Number of children examined	403
Number of children with defective teeth	170
Number found having defective tonsils	24
Number found having defective eyes	19
Number found having defective ears	4
Number of notices sent to parents or guardians	249
Children's visits to dentist	80
Children's visits to hospital	9

The Hamilton-Wenham Red Cross has again made possible the dental clinic and as in the past the accomplishment has been creditable.

Many defects of a correctible nature are yet evident and parents are urged to consult the School Nurse with the idea of having the defects remedied.

Hygiene talks have been given in all rooms, stressing those things necessary to the prevention of disease.

A severe epidemic of pediculosis has existed this fall. About thirty cases exist in the Town. Much time has been given by the nurse in inspecting infected heads. Parents are urged to watch their children's heads, whether infected or not. Parents having children with infected heads are requested to aid in eliminating this trouble from the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN E. PURDY, R. N.

*School Nurse.*

## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

*Mr. John D. Whittier, Superintendent of Schools:*

South Hamilton, Mass.

*Dear Sir:* The aim of music in our schools is to train the boys and girls first of all to love music and want to sing, second to sing at sight with good tone and interpretation. When they have finished the eighth grade they can go out into the world and take an active part in church work, concerts, and glee clubs and do commendable work.

I believe this training should be accomplished before the end of the eighth grade, as a large percentage of boys and girls do not go through High School.

The first grade work has consisted chiefly of the elimination of monotones, the teaching of rote songs and the first technical steps in music.

In the second and third grades many rote songs are taught and the child has his first lesson in reading from the music book. This work is continued up through the grades where each year new technical steps are introduced. In the fifth grade some two-part work is done; in the sixth grade, three-part work and in the seventh and eighth grades, four-part singing is introduced if basses appear.

I feel that in almost every class there has been a definite advancement since the first of the school year.

Some folk dances and singing games have been taught in the lower grades, but in this we have been handicapped for time and suitable space in which to conduct the dances.

The Victrola is a very great help in teaching these games and

dances and I do wish each rural school might be supplied with one.

Because music is elective in High School I find very few boys and girls taking advantage of this study, but the few that are in the Glee Club are enjoying it and doing good work.

The school orchestra which was organized this year has done excellent work during the short time it has been in practice. This consists of 4 violins, 1 saxophone, 1 cornet, drums and piano. These boys and girls are practicing from two to four hours a week outside of school.

I find the orchestra has created a great deal of enthusiasm among the boys and girls in the school and a number have consulted me as to studying various instruments that they might become members of this orchestra.

I want to thank you for the co-operation and help you have given me in all my work during this year, and also the teachers who have supported and worked with me so earnestly.

Yours truly,

MAUDE L. THOMAS,

*Supervisor of Music.*

# THIRTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

THE

SENIOR CLASS OF THE HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE AT THE

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Thursday evening, June 28, 1923, at 8 o'clock

TOWN HALL

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## PROGRAM

### MUSIC

Invocation .....DR. HENRY SMART

### MUSIC

Address of Welcome.....MARGARET FULLER

"The Breakfast Table" .....HELEN PERKINS

"Civic Improvement" .....ESTHER KNOWLTON

### MUSIC

"The Value of Shorthand and Typewriting".....DOROTHY MORROW

"The Importance of Air".....LESLIE HATT

History and Prophecy of 1923.....MARION PERLEY

### MUSIC

Presentation of Diplomas.....ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR.

Awarding of Washington and Franklin Medal

Benediction

### MUSIC

## CLASS ROLL

*Dorothy Lorraine Morrow	Lottie Hazel Berry
*Esther Appleton Knowlton	Harry Fraser Holmes
*Margaret Brickett Fuller	Ada Marion Hathaway
*Leslie Irving Hatt	Florence Veronica Fraser
*Helen Cleveland Perkins	Lawrence Chester Foster
*Marion Elizabeth Perley	Anna Josephine McCarthy
Catherine Elizabeth Donlon	Henry Norman Pfaff
*Honor Pupil.	

## CLASS MOTTO

"Wisdom crowns those who seek her."

## CLASS COLORS

Blue and Gold

## CLASS FLOWER

American Beauty Rose

## CLASS OFFICERS

MARGARET B. FULLER, *President*

ESTHER A. KNOWLTON, *Vice-President*

DOROTHY L. MORROW, *Secretary*

ANNA J. MCCARTHY, *Treasurer*

JOHN D. WHITTIER, *Superintendent*

LEON M. ORCUTT, *Principal of the High School*

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The following pupils were perfect in their attendance during the year 1922-1923:

South School: Irene Pope, Gale Robinson, Philip Berry, Ivy Gibson, Roger Humphrey, Stanley Anderson.

West School: Lawrence Lamson, Virginia Adams.

North School: Douglas Gibson.

East School: Isabelle Caverly.

ENROLLMENT BY AGES AND GRADES, APRIL 1, 1923

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The following pupils from Hamilton were registered in the Beverly Industrial School during 1922-1923:

Full time—Everett Hurd.

Part time—Roland Berry, Anthony Ryan, Norman Hurd.

### CALENDAR YEAR 1924-1925

#### 1924

January 2.....	Schools open
February 21.....	Schools close
March 3.....	Schools open
April 25.....	Schools close
May 5.....	Schools open
May 30 .....	Holiday
June 27.....	Schools close

#### Summer Vacation

September 2 .....	Teachers' Meeting
September 3.....	Schools open
November 26.....	Close at noon
December 1.....	Schools open
December 19 .....	Schools close
December 29 .....	Schools open

#### 1925

January 1.....	Holiday
February 20.....	Schools close
March 2.....	Schools open
April 24.....	Schools close
May 4.....	Schools open
June 26.....	Schools close

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HAMILTON SCHOOLS

## RESOURCES

Appropriation of Town	\$45,480 00
Dog tax	331 94
Remington refund	53 00
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Total	\$45,864 94

## EXPENDITURES

### GENERAL EXPENSE

#### Superintendence and Enforcement of Law :

Expense of School Committee \$237 50

#### Superintendent of Schools:

Salary 1,102 50

Traveling expense 298 88

Clerk and office expense 216 01

Census 30 00

Attendance officer 100 00

Total 

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 \$1,984 89

## EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

## Teachers' Salaries:

Principal	\$2,500 00
H. S. assistants	6,834 00
Elementary "	16,466 00
Supervisor of Music	540 00
Total	————— 26,340 00

## Textbooks:

High School	\$591 44
Elementary school	604 07
Total	————— 1,195 51

## Supplies:

High School	\$732 92
Elementary school	981 89
Total	————— 1,714 81
	————— 29,250 32

## EXPENSE OF OPERATION

## Fuel:

High School	\$1,257 32
Elementary school	2,376 32
Total	————— \$3,633 64

## Janitors' Salaries:

High School	\$756 00
Elementary School:	
South	1,156 00
East	400 00
North	100 00
West	100 00
Center	100 00
Total	————— 2,612 00

Janitors' supplies 206 42

Miscellaneous expense 325 32

Total ————— 6,777 38

## MAINTENANCE

## Repairs:

High School	\$457 39
Elementary school	691 36
Total	————— \$1,148 75

## AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Health	\$910 36
Transportation	3,850 00
Miscellaneous expenses	61 32
Total	————— 4,821 68

## OUTLAYS

New equipment	\$788 05
Cesspool (new)	130 00
Total	————— 918 05
	————— 6,888 48

Total expenditures from above appropriation	\$44,901 07
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## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

Appropriation	\$700 00
Lawrence Training School:	
Beverly Industrial School:	
Payments for tuition	\$527 27

## INSURANCE

Appropriation:	\$1,830 00
Payments on policies	1,827 19

## REMODELING CENTER SCHOOL

Appropriation		1,500 00
Payments on advertising bids	8 00	
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Cost of schools	\$47,263 53	
Reimbursement from State on teachers' salaries received from income tax	\$3,530 00	
Received from sale of books and supplies	10 45	
Reimbursement from State for tuition for Industrial Schools	41 63	
Received from State for tuition of State wards	81 91	
Total	<hr/>	3,663 99
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Entire cost of schools	\$43,599 54	

Respectfully submitted,

ADELAIDE D. WALSH.





